

Is it **WRONG**  
to TRY to  
**Pick UP** GIRLS  
in a **DUNGEON**?  
ON THE  
SIDE



1  
*Sword  
Oratoria*

**TAKASHI YAGI**

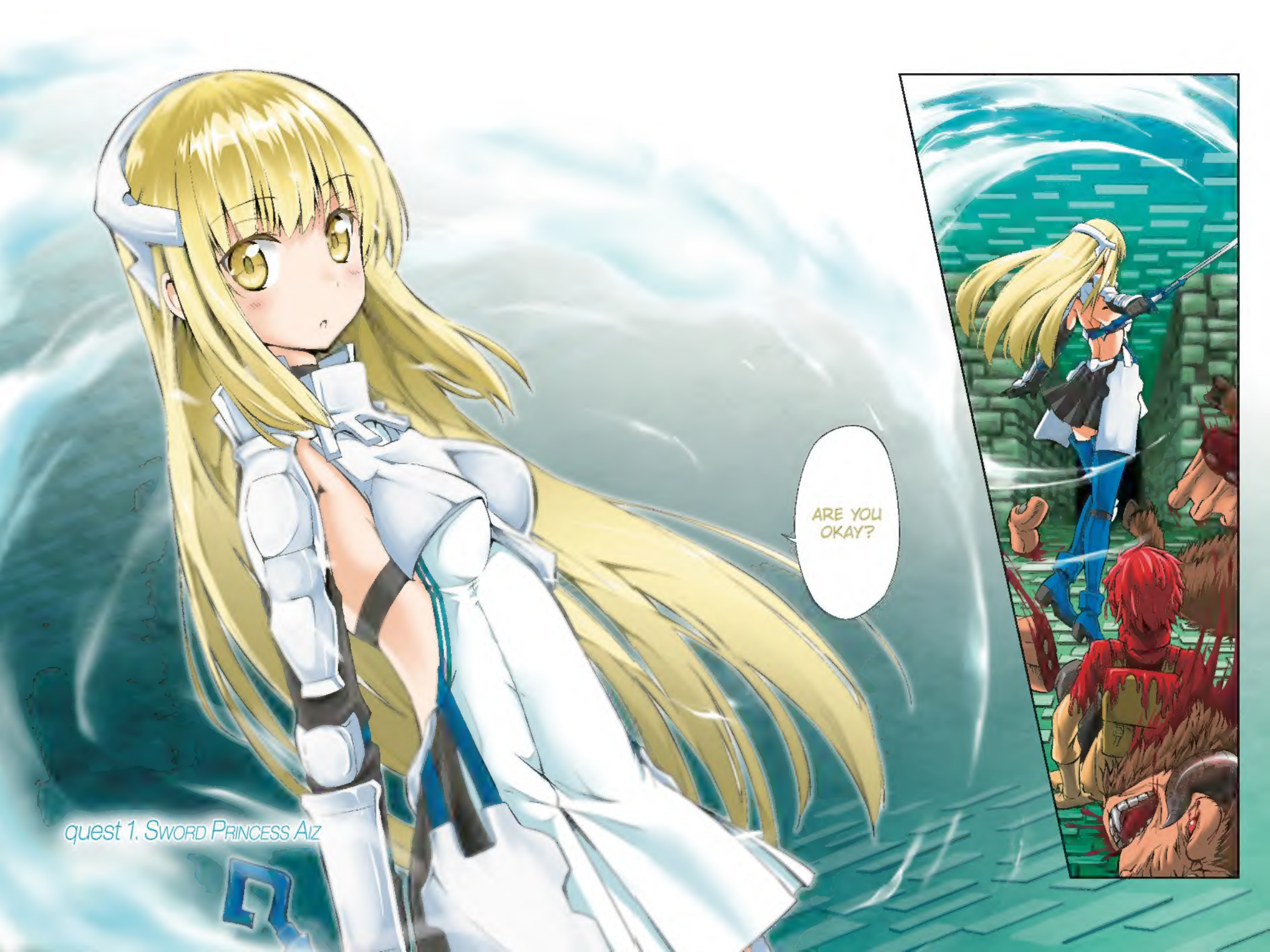
ORIGINAL STORY  
**FUJINO OMORI**

CHARACTER DESIGN  
**KIYOTAKA HAIMURA**  
**SUZUHITO YASUDA**









ARE YOU  
OKAY?

quest 1. SWORD PRINCESS AIZ







# 1

SWORD ORATORIA

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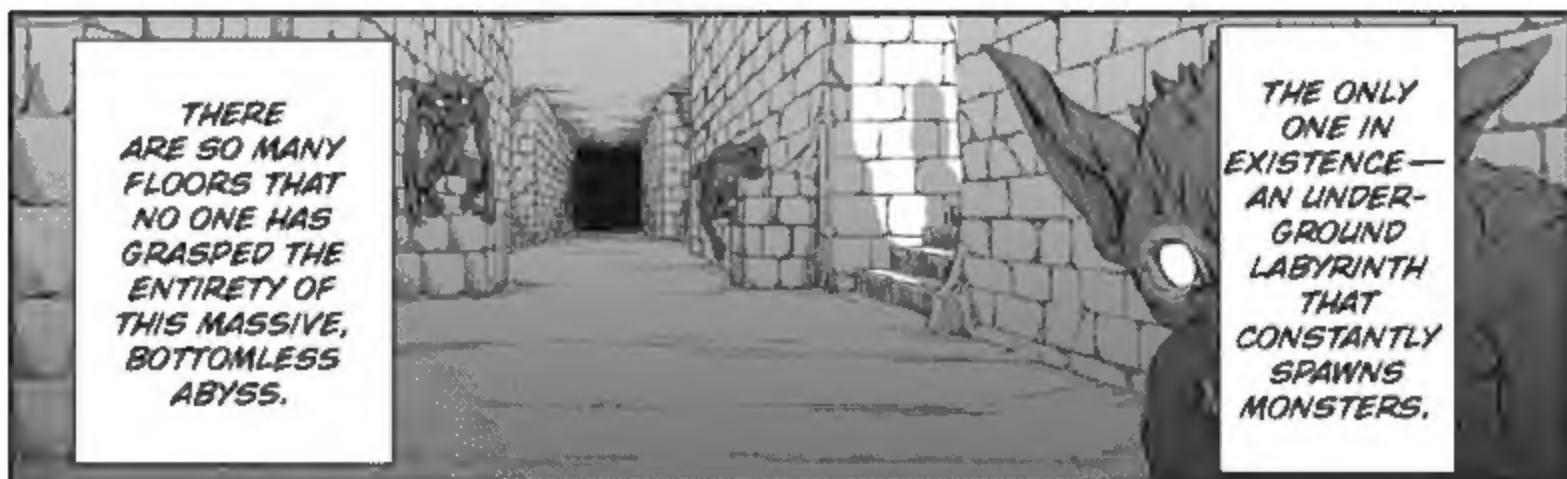


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IN A DUNGEON?  
ON THE  
SIDE

# *Sword Oratoria*



THE  
DUNGEON.



THERE  
ARE SO MANY  
FLOORS THAT  
NO ONE HAS  
GRASPED THE  
ENTIRETY OF  
THIS MASSIVE,  
BOTTOMLESS  
ABYSS.

THE ONLY  
ONE IN  
EXISTENCE—  
AN UNDER-  
GROUND  
LABYRINTH  
THAT  
CONSTANTLY  
SPAWNS  
MONSTERS.



THE DUN-  
GEON IS A  
PLACE  
WHERE  
LIMIT-  
LESS  
POSSI-  
BILITIES  
RESIDE...  
ALONG  
WITH...

...THAT IS TO  
SAY, NEVER  
BEFORE SEEN  
RICHES,  
EXPERIENCES,  
AND DANGERS.

A  
GATEWAY  
TO THE  
UN-  
KNOWN  
...



DUNGEON  
FLOOR FIVE

...CAN  
YOU  
STAND  
?

ARE...  
YOU  
OKAY?



...THOSE  
WHO  
CHALLENGE  
THAT  
UNKNOWN—  
ADVENTUR-  
ERS.

LOKI FAMILIA  
FIRST-TIER  
ADVENTURER  
AIZ WALLENSTEIN



DAH?

...  
DAH.



.....  
.....











SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE——

READY THE  
SHIELDS—!!



DUNGEON  
FLOOR FORTY-NINE:  
MOITRA SANDS













LOKI FAMILIA  
FIRST-TIER ADVENTURER  
RIVERIA LJOS ALF

PLEASE  
HURRY...











AIZ-  
SAN!!



BYAT  
(SLICES)

















...TO AN  
EVEN  
HIGHER  
PLACE.

TO GO  
BEYOND  
THE  
LIMITS  
OF  
HEAVEN  
AND  
EARTH

000



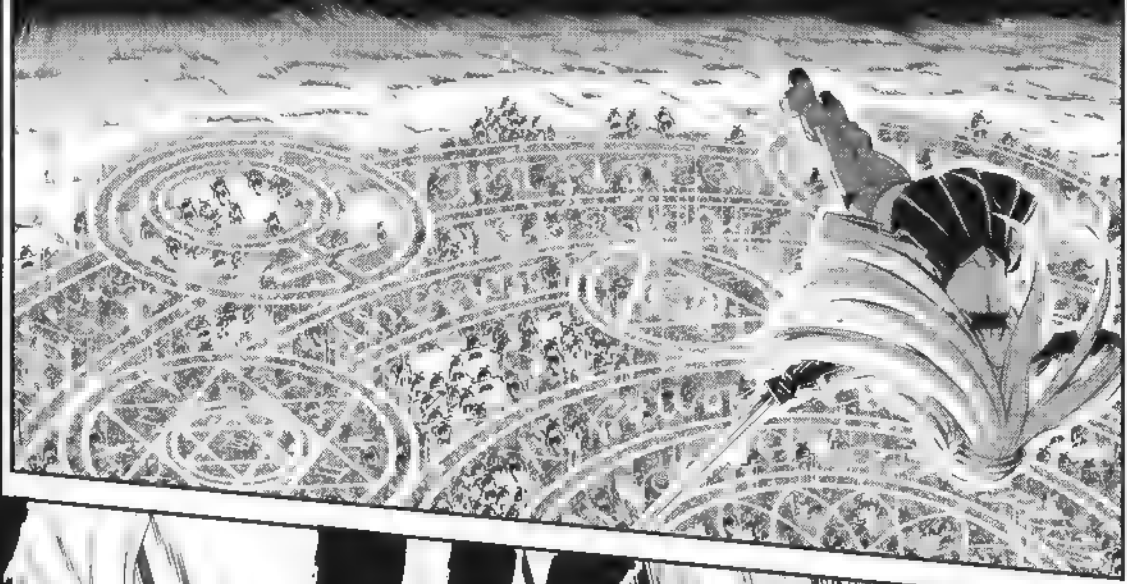
STRONGER.

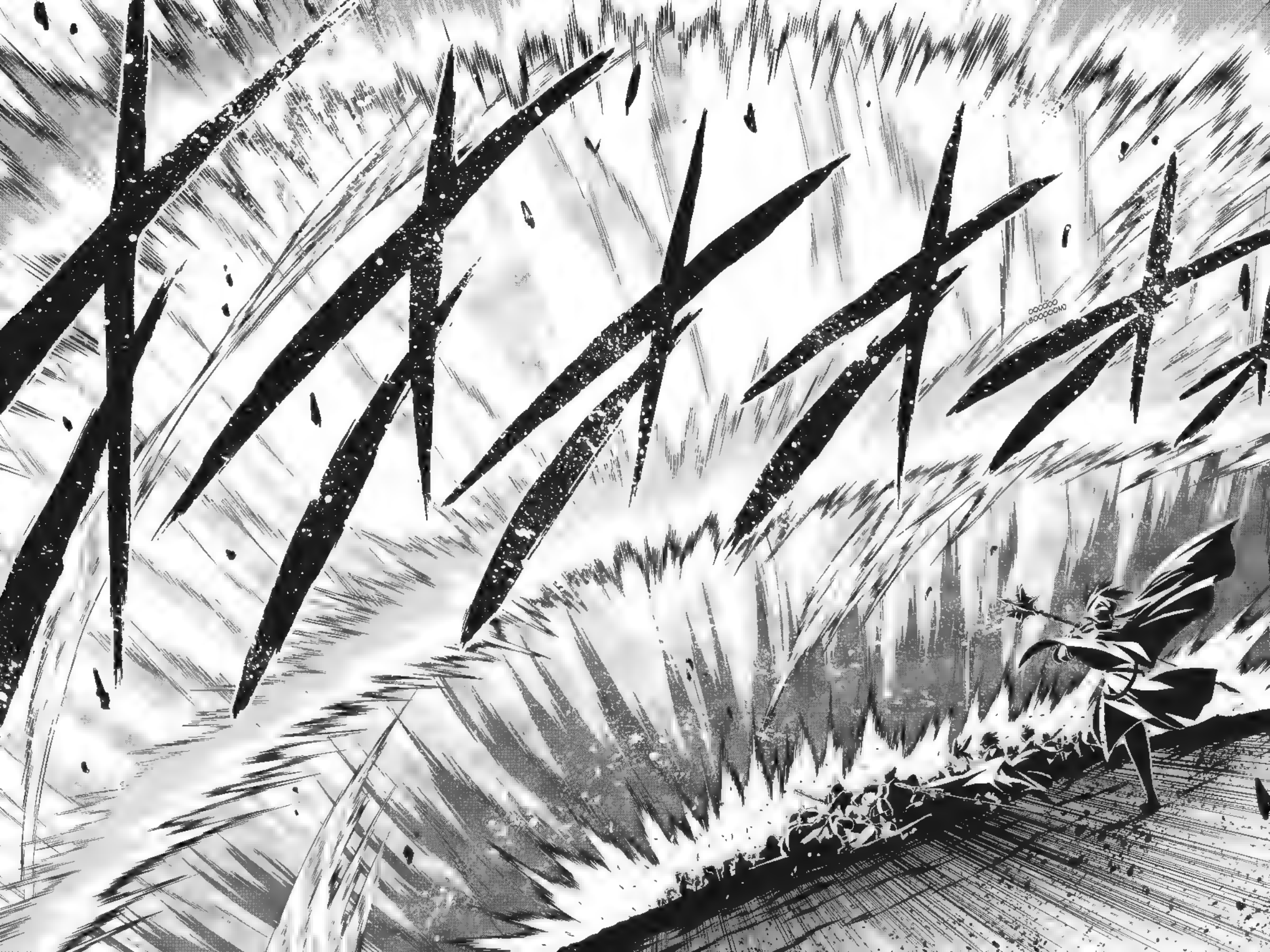
I WANT  
TO BE  
STRONGER.



INCIN-  
ERATE,  
SWORD  
OF  
SURTR—



















PLEASE  
HEAD  
BACK  
AND  
HELP  
SET UP  
CAMP.

GOOD.  
THEN  
WE'RE  
DONE  
HERE.



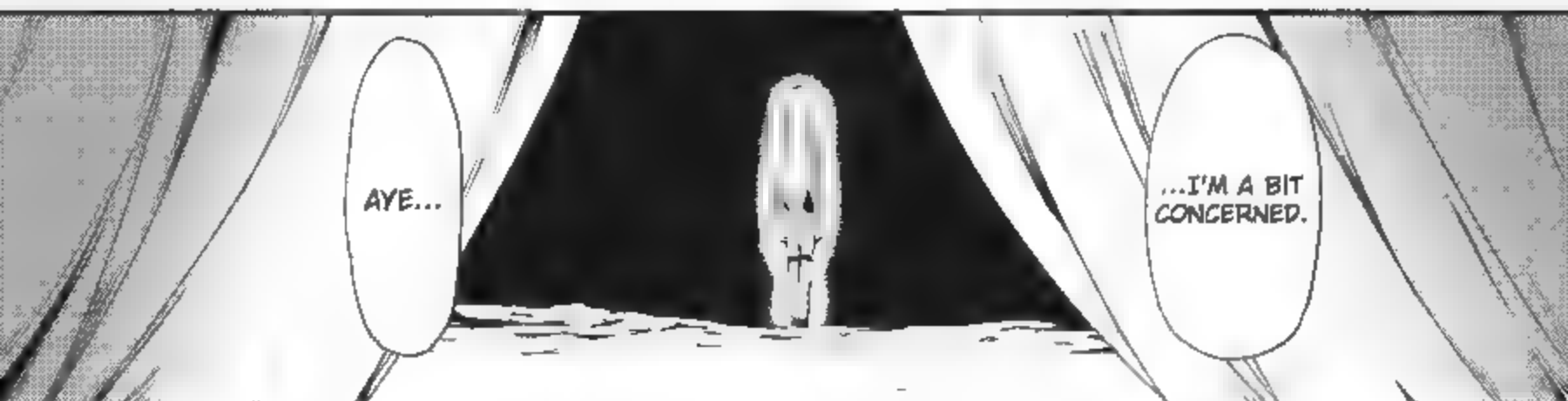
UN-  
DER-  
STAND



AIZ, THIS  
IS THE  
DUNGEON.  
THERE'S  
NO  
TELLING  
WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN.

ALSO, NOT  
EVERYONE  
CAN KEEP UP  
WITH YOU.

PLEASE  
KEEP  
THAT IN  
MIND.



AYE...

...I'M A BIT  
CONCERNED.



IN HER  
LIMITLESS  
SEARCH  
FOR  
STRENGTH  
...

YES, BUT  
SHE IS  
FAR TOO  
SINGLE-  
MINDED.

...BOTH  
FOR AIZ  
AND FOR  
LOKI  
FAMILIA.

GETTING  
STRON-  
GER IS  
A GOOD  
THING .

...SHE  
MIGHT  
JUST END  
UP ALONE  
SOME-  
PLACE...

...BECAUSE  
NO ONE  
ELSE  
COULD  
KEEP UP.

DESPITE  
YER  
YOUTH-  
FUL  
LOOKS.

YOU  
TWO'RE  
GETTIN'  
OLD—

SIGH...  
SUCH A  
PROBLEM  
CHILD...

HA...  
BUT  
WHAT  
TO DO...?



I  
KNOW...

THIS IS THE  
DUNGEON.  
PROTECTING  
THE FAMILIA  
COMES  
FIRST.

I MUSTN'T BE  
RECKLESS...  
...I KNOW...  
BUT...



HE SAW  
RIGHT  
THROUGH  
ME...



IS IT  
TOO MUCH  
PRESSURE?  
YOUR RANK  
.. ?



...I CAN'T STOP.



...I  
WANT  
TO BE  
STRONG.

MORE  
THAN  
ANYTHING  
ELSE...













WHAT'CHA  
DOING?

LOKI FAMILIA  
FIRST-TER  
ADVENTURER  
TIONA HYRUTE

GABA  
(GRAB)

A.  
I.  
Z!

TIONA  
...

はっ



...  
CHEERING  
UP...

I  
DO  
NOT  
NEED  
...

LEFIYA'S  
DEPRESSED  
AGAIN...

...SO  
YOU'RE  
HAVING  
AIZ  
CHEER  
YOU UP?





SFX: GURI (RUB) GURI









...I DON'T REALLY HAVE TO ASK.

THEN AGAIN



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

TIONE ...

LOKI FAMILY  
FIRST TIER ADVENTURER  
TIONE HYRUTE



AIZ, DID YOU FINISH TALKING WITH THE CAPTAIN?

YES

BUT THE MEETING'S STILL GOING.



WHAT'S THAT SMALL TENT FOR...?

TIONE?



IT'S UNLIKELY HE'S HAD TIME TO PITCH HIS OWN TENT YET...

HEE  
HEE  
HEE!

...BUT THEN AGAIN, THIS COULD BE MY CHANCE.

I SEE ...



WHAT ELSE?

IT'S JUST FOR ME AND THE CAPTAIN.



SFX: MISHI (GRAB)



ALL MEN TAKE TURNS SLEEPING AT THE HEAD-QUARTERS! IT'S THE RULES!

WHAT WAS THAT?



THE CAP-TAN'S BLINKING DOWN AT HEAD-QUARTERS TONIGHT.

I'LL SMASH ANYONE THAT COMES CLOSE.

IT'LL KEEP PESTS AWAY.



WELL, HOW ABOUT SLEEPING WITH US?

CAPTAIN!







I CAN  
ENSNARE  
THE  
GENERAL'S  
HEART  
THROUGH  
HIS  
STOMACH!!

GET  
YOUR  
LAZY  
ASS  
BACK TO  
WORK,  
WOMAN!!

SHUT  
UP!

THAT'S  
IT!!  
FOOD!!



PLEASE  
WAIT  
FOR  
ME!

EH  
...  
AH!

OKAY  
.....

OUCH!

GURI  
(SQUISH)

COME  
ON,  
AIZ!

OH  
BOY—!  
THIS  
COULD  
BE FUN!

COOKING  
STATION,  
HERE I  
COME!

GAWHI  
OWI

SFX: FUMI (STEP)

GO (CRICK)

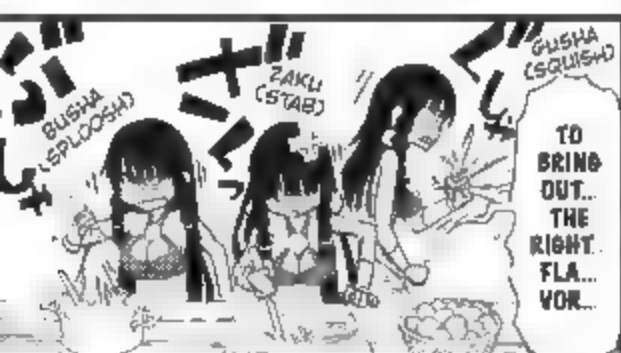


YOU  
OKAY  
DOWN  
THERE?



SFX: BUSHAKA (SHAKE)











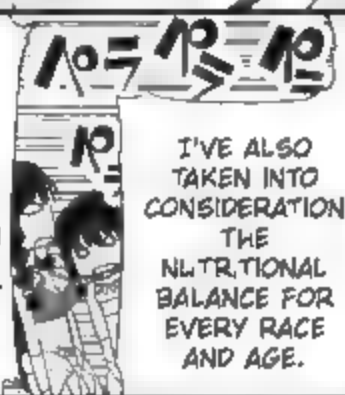
IT'S DONE!

HEARTY  
FOUR-HERB  
CREAM  
STEW MADE  
WITH  
WILD  
DUNGEON  
VEGE-  
TABLES!!

WOOOW  
—!!



THE  
ADDITION  
OF AN  
ELVISH  
SPECIALTY  
HERB WILL  
REPLENISH  
YOUR  
ENERGY AT  
THE SAME  
TIME.



I'VE ALSO  
TAKEN INTO  
CONSIDERATION  
THE  
NUTRITIONAL  
BALANCE FOR  
EVERY RACE  
AND AGE.

IT  
REPLENISHES  
THE SALT  
CONTENT LOST  
IN BATTLE.

A FEW  
THINGS  
ABOUT  
THIS  
DISH!

SFX: PERA (BLAB) PERA PERA





NOW  
IT'S  
MY  
TURN  
!!

AIZ WALLENSTEIN

COOKING LEVEL ?  
SKILL SLICE AND DICE?  
CAN SHRED CABBAGE IN 1/10TH  
OF A SECOND CAN TURN  
M NOTAUK INTO COLD CUTS  
AS WELL.



WAAH...

NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW.

MAN, IT'S ALL OVER THE FLOOR.

SHIKU  
SHIKU  
SHIKU

SHIKU (SOB)



NADE (PRAY)

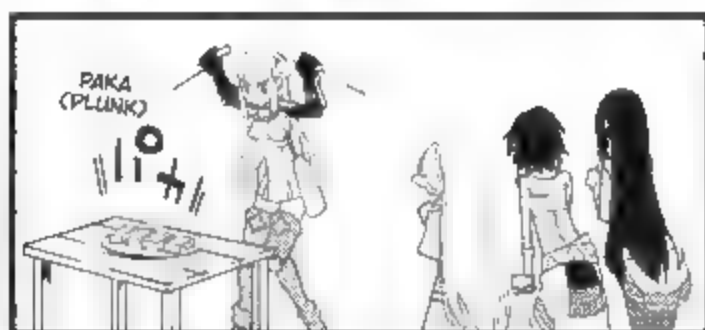
... DON'T CRY.



... BECAUSE EVERYONE TRIED THEIR BEST.

AIZ-SAN...









I MEAN,  
I CAN GET  
CARRIED  
AWAY  
TOO...

...BUT  
YOU PUT  
YOURSELF  
IN MORE  
DANGER.



YOU  
DIDN'T  
HAVE TO  
CHARGE  
RIGHT  
INTO  
THEM.

HELPING  
THE  
FRONT  
LINE HOLD  
THE  
MONSTERS  
OFF  
WOULD  
HAVE  
BEEN  
ENOUGH.



SORRY,  
TIONA

IS IT  
TOO MUCH  
PRESSURE?  
YOUR  
RANK...?



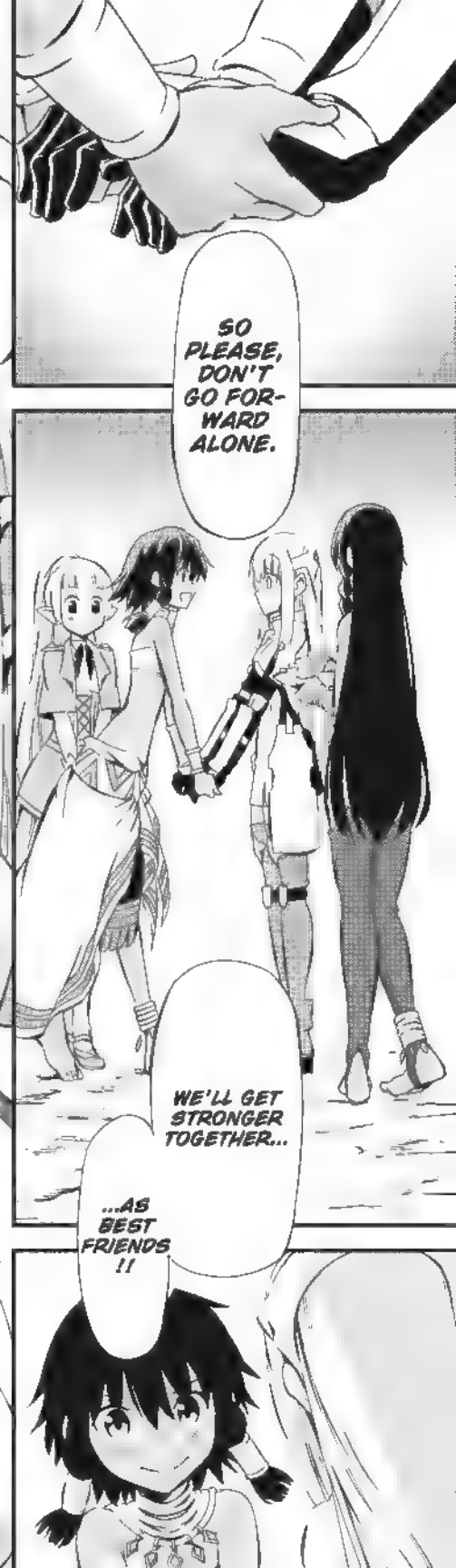








...  
OKAY!



SO  
PLEASE,  
DON'T  
GO FOR-  
WARD  
ALONE.

WE'LL GET  
STRONGER  
TOGETHER...

...AS  
BEST  
FRIENDS  
!!





H...  
HEY YOU  
THERE!  
WHAT'S  
WITH ALL  
THE DAMN  
NOISE!?

C-  
CAP-  
TAIN  
!?  
HE  
DIDN'T  
SEE  
THAT,  
DID HE!?

PLEASE,  
PLEASE  
SMILE  
AGAIN!!

AIZ-  
SAN!

AIZ, THAT  
SMILE  
WAS GOR-  
GEOUS!!



HUH?

AIZ, I  
FORBID  
YOU FROM  
SMILING  
LIKE THAT  
IN FRONT  
OF THE  
CAPTAIN.

AHH,  
NO FIGHT-  
ING...

DON'T  
GO  
MAKIN'  
THINGS  
UP!!

WHAT  
!?

OH,  
LOOK.  
THE  
HORNY  
PUPPY'S  
BACK.



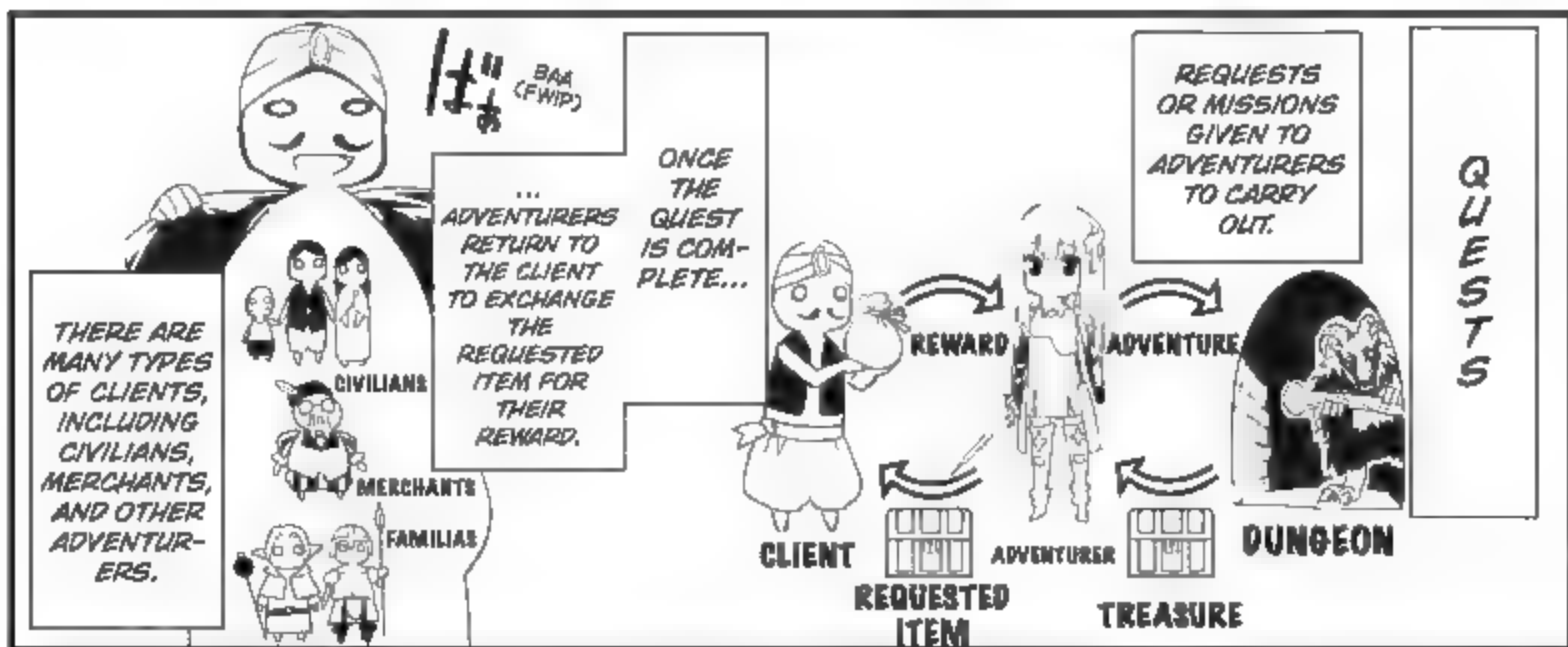
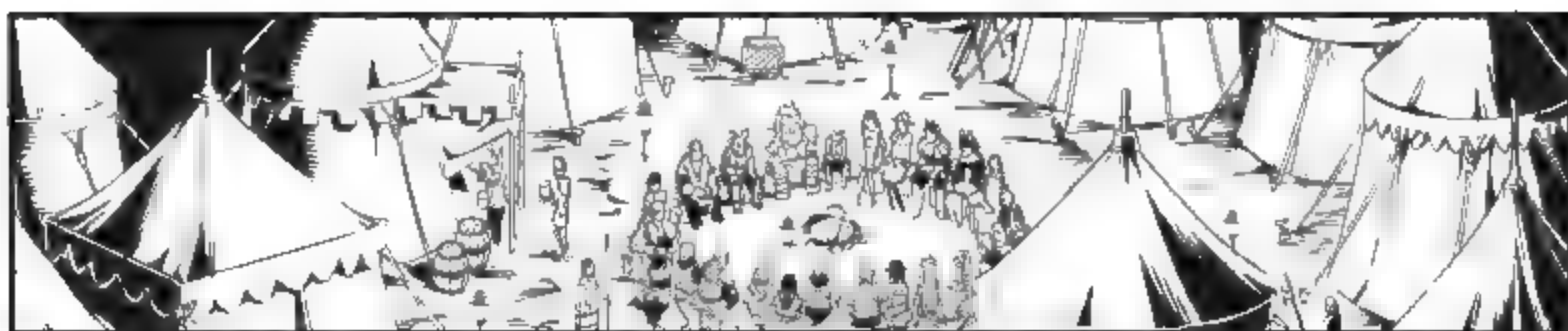
...I  
AGREE.

...THAT  
LOKI  
FAMILIA  
STAYS  
ON THE  
UP 'N'  
UP.

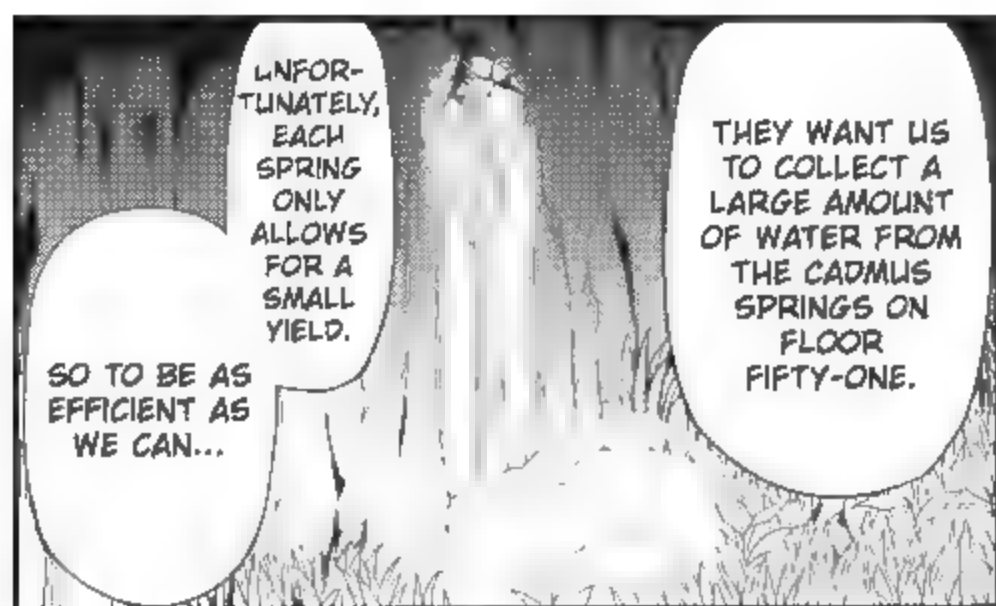
IT'S  
'COS'A GOOD  
MEMBERS  
LIKE THEM...

LOOKS LIKE  
WE WON'T BE  
NEEDED THIS  
TIME AROUND.











THAT...  
THAT'S TRUE,  
BUT...

I SHOULD  
GO WITH  
THE CAPTAIN

NO,  
I NO.

LEF YA, YOU  
ARE THE ONE  
WHO SHALL  
EVENTUALLY  
FOLLOW  
IN MY  
FOOTSTEPS.

GO  
IN MY  
PLACE



WH-  
WHY  
WAS I  
CHOSEN  
TO GO  
OVER  
RIVERIA-  
SAMA  
!?

I SHALL  
REMAIN  
BEHIND TO  
PROTECT  
THE CAMP.



A  
CADMUS  
DRAGON  
CALLS IT  
HOME.

CADMUS  
SPRINGS  
GOT ITS  
NAME FOR  
A REASON.

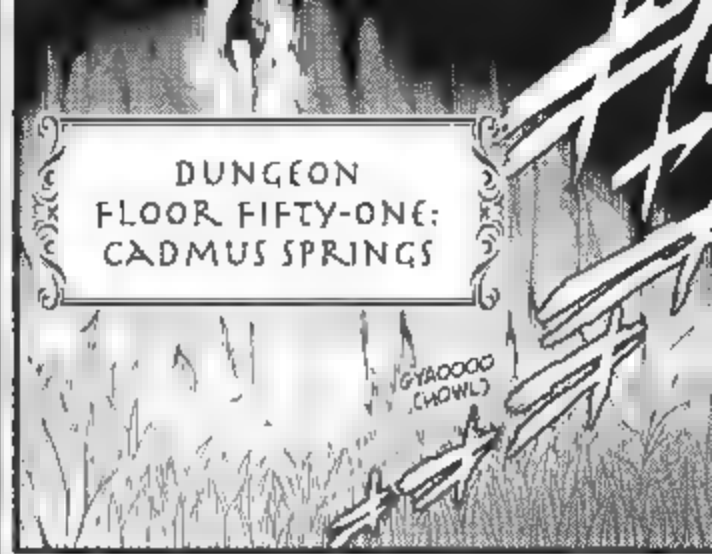


WITH THE  
EXCEPTION  
OF FLOOR  
BOSSSES...

...IT'S THE  
STRONGEST  
MONSTER  
EVER  
DISCOVERED  
IN THE  
DUNGEON.

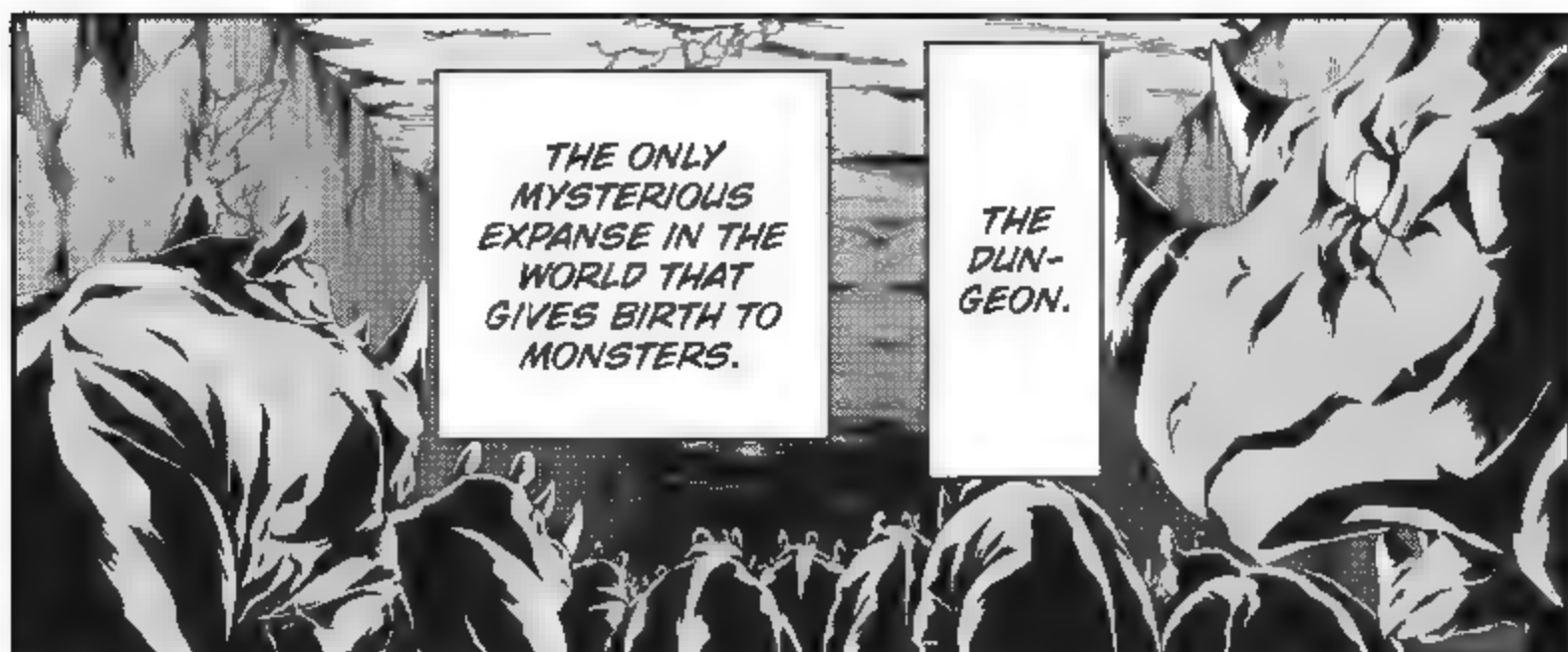






quest 2. QUEST TO THE UNKNOWN





THE ONLY  
MYSTERIOUS  
EXPANSE IN THE  
WORLD THAT  
GIVES BIRTH TO  
MONSTERS.

THE  
DUN-  
GEON.



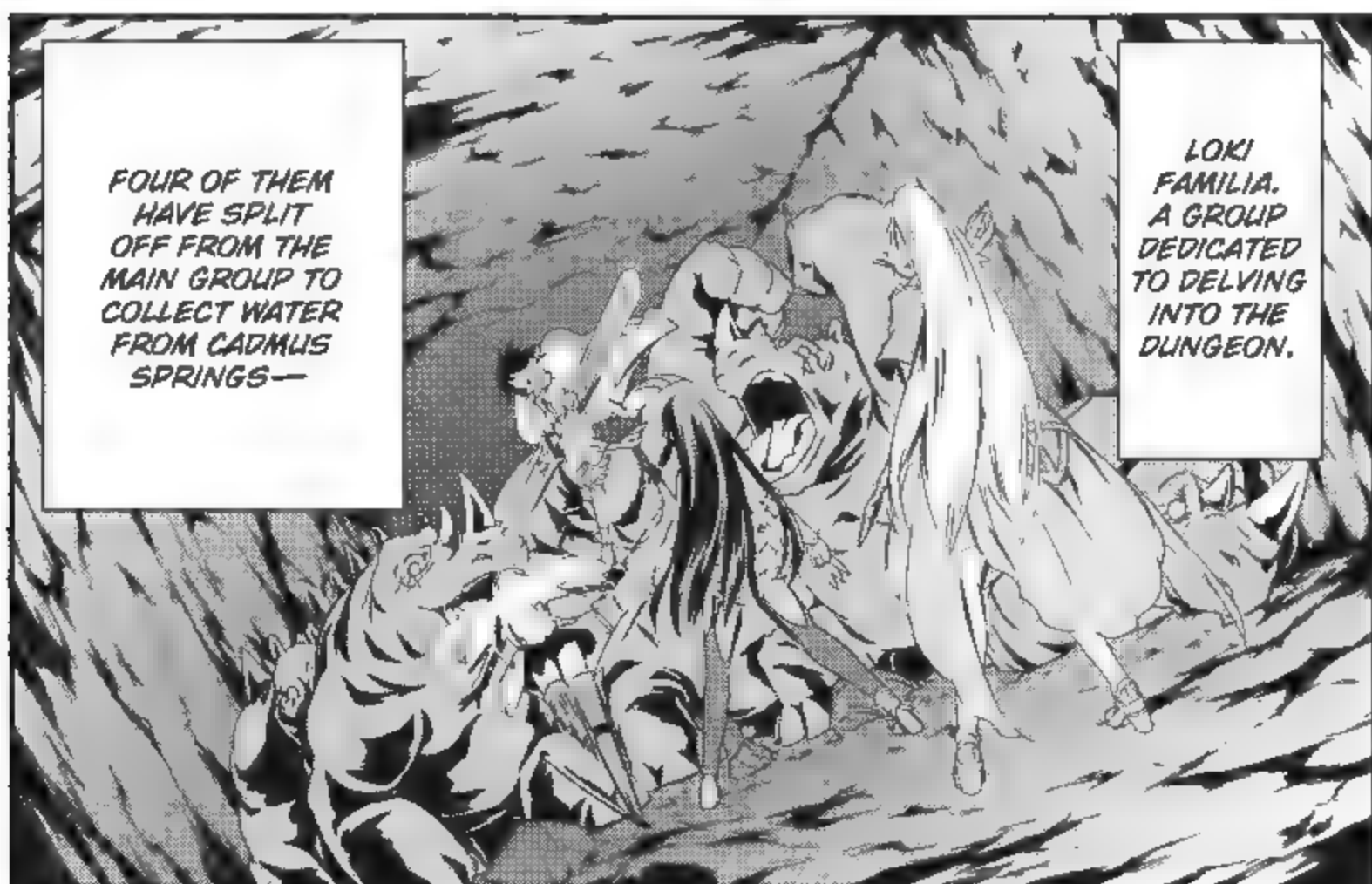
STAY  
CLOSE,  
BOTH  
OF  
YOU!

GIVE  
THAT  
IDIOT  
SOME  
COVER!

AIZ!

HI-  
YA  
—!

GOT  
IT.



FOUR OF THEM  
HAVE SPLIT  
OFF FROM THE  
MAIN GROUP TO  
COLLECT WATER  
FROM CADMUS  
SPRINGS—

LOKI  
FAMILIA.  
A GROUP  
DEDICATED  
TO DELVING  
INTO THE  
DUNGEON.






LOKI  
FAMILIA'S  
FIRST-TIER  
ADVENTURER,  
AIZ  
WALLENSTEIN.



HER WEAPON  
OF CHOICE —  
A  
FIRST-CLASS  
SUPERIOR  
WEAPON —  
"DESPERATE."



ITS SPECIAL  
ATTRIBUTE  
IS KNOWN AS  
"DURANDAL."



IN HER  
PURSUIT  
OF  
STRENGTH  
...

...SO SHE  
COULD FIGHT  
FOR EVEN  
A SECOND  
LONGER...

...SHE  
CHOSE AN  
UNBREAK-  
ABLE  
SWORD.



AIZ,  
I CALL  
THE RIGHT  
SIDE—!

OKAY.



LOKI FAMILIA  
FIRST-TIER  
ADVENTURER,  
TIONA HYRLITE.



AN OVER-  
SIZED  
SWORD  
COMPOSED  
OF ADA-  
MANTITE,  
IT'S KNOWN  
FOR...

CUSTOM-  
MADE  
WEAPON—  
URGA.





...AND  
OVER-  
WHELMING  
POWER.

HA!

...ITS  
EXTREME  
WEIGHT...

ZZZZ--

ZU  
(SWING)



...THIS  
WEAPON  
WAS  
ORDER  
MADE  
FOR  
AMAZONS.

DIFFICULT  
FOR  
VIRTUALLY  
ANYONE  
ELSE TO  
USE...



DOBU  
(SLASH)

DOU  
(CRASH)



DON'T  
FORGET  
THAT  
YOU'RE  
THE  
FRONT  
LINE!!

BOTH OF  
YOU ARE  
TOO FAR  
OUT!



YOU WANTED  
TO SPEAK  
TO ME,  
CAPTAIN?

SHE USES  
KUKURI  
KNIVES  
AND  
THROWING  
DAGGERS.

LOKI FAMILIA  
FIRST-TIER  
ADVENTURER,  
TIONE  
HYRLITE.



I WANT YOU  
TO TAKE  
COMMAND  
OF THE  
FIRST  
GROUP.

GARETH  
AND I ARE  
IN THE  
SECOND  
PARTY.

LOKI  
FAMILIA'S  
MAIN  
CAMP.

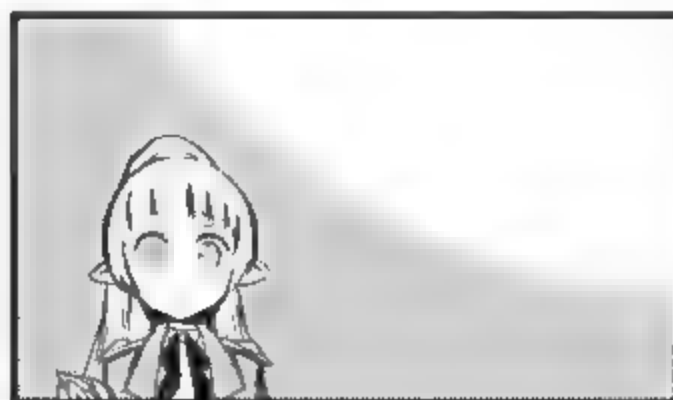
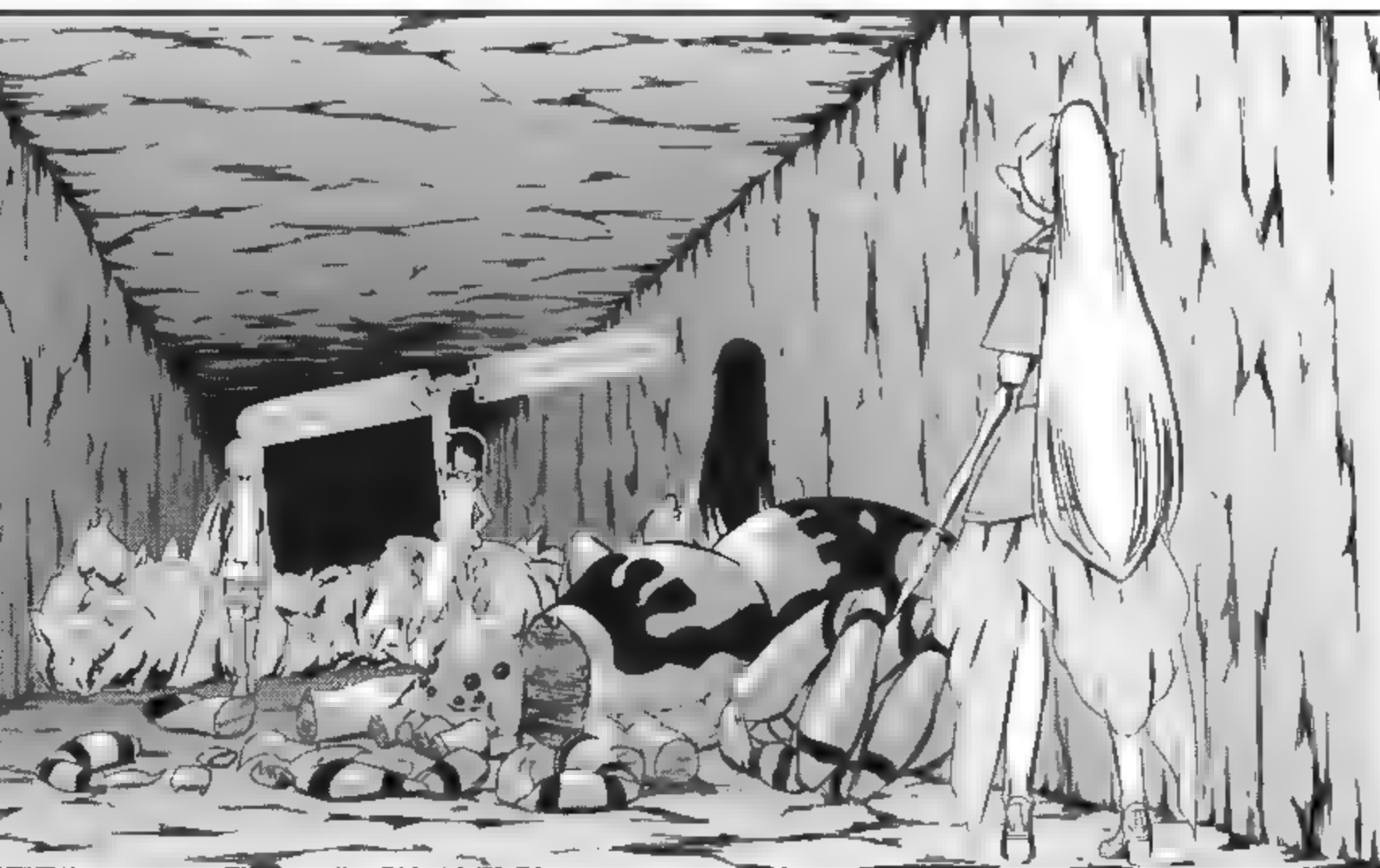
BEFORE  
THE  
QUEST.















I-I'M SO SORRY!!



YEP!

ONCE YOU CAST, IT'S A ONE-HIT VICTORY!

HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE

YOUR MAGIC IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO ROAST ANYTHING DOWN HERE.

CALM DOWN, LEFIYA.



BUT I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH ALL OF YOU...

THESE THINGS HAPPEN.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, LEFIYA!

I .I. COULDN'T DO ANYTHING..



A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CLASS FROM US..

...THAT'S RIGHT. SHE'S A POWERFUL MAGIC USER, PERFECT FOR THE REAR.





LEFIYA  
WILL  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT YOU  
MEAN  
EVEN IF IT  
DOESN'T  
COME OUT  
RIGHT.

...JUST  
SPIT IT  
OUT.

AIZ,  
IF YOU  
WANNA  
SAY  
SOME-  
THING...



AH...

LEFI-  
YA!

WE  
COLLECT  
THEM IN  
PAIRS!  
AIZ IS  
WITH  
YOU!!



...  
TIONE  
!



O K A Y .

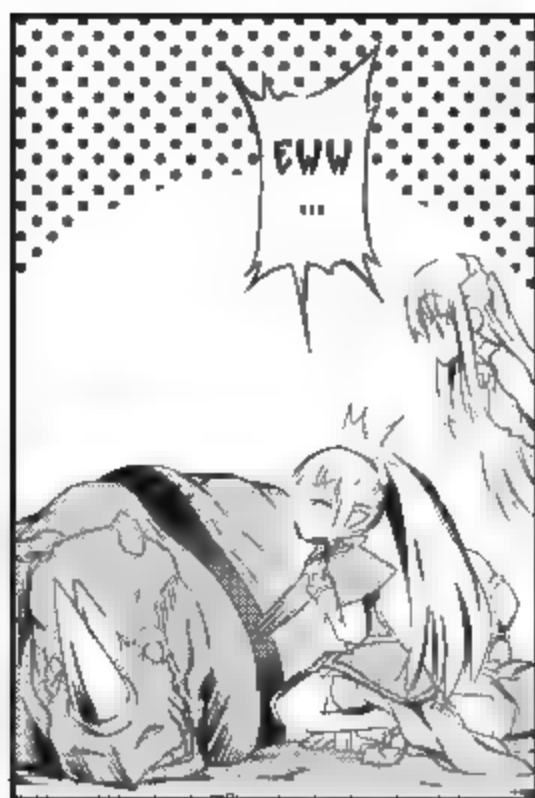


...GO  
DO  
YOUR  
THING!

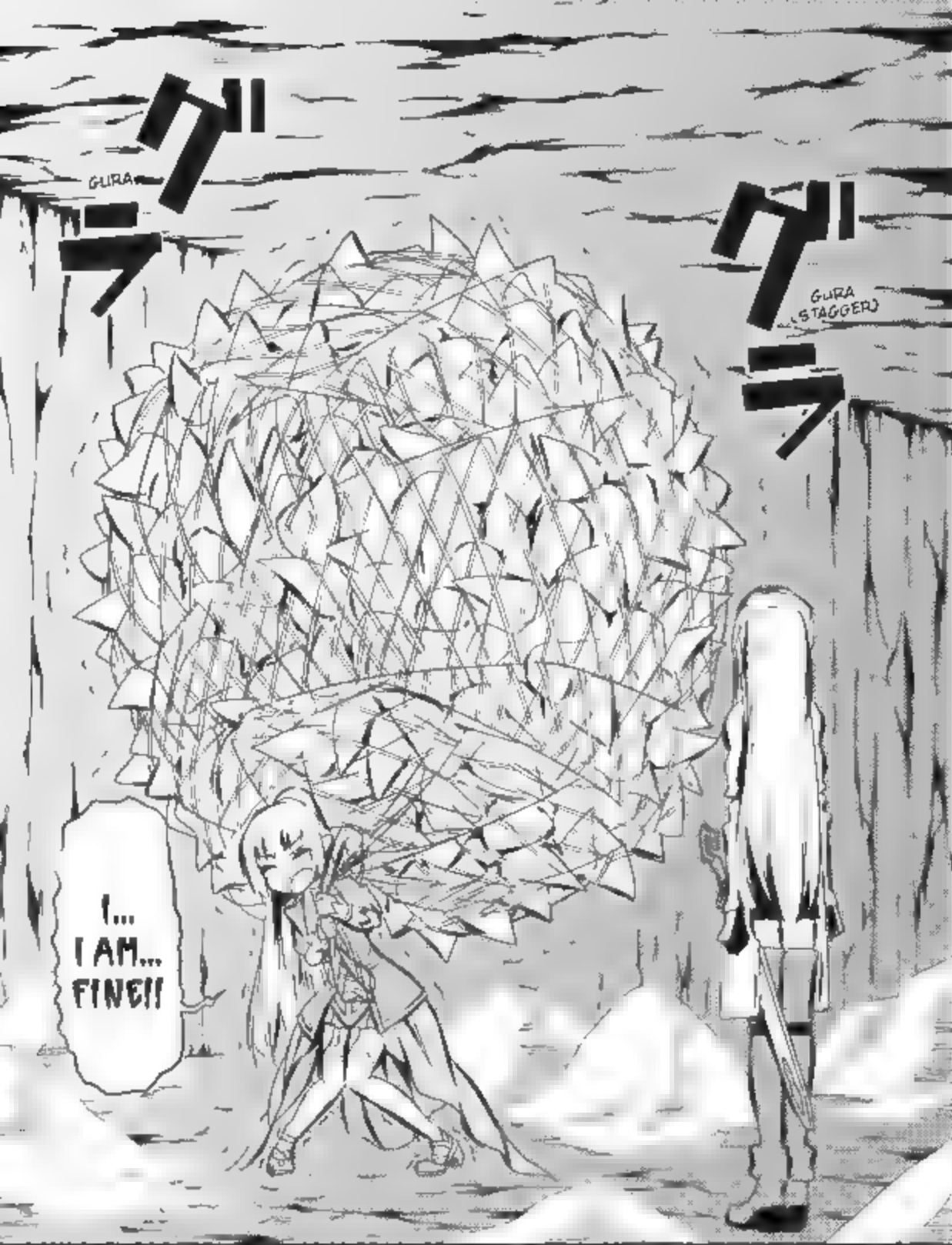
S O  
...

JUST  
DON'T  
LET  
YOUR  
GUARD  
DOWN!









I...  
I AM...  
FINE!!

GURA  
STAGGERO



...  
ISN'T THAT...  
TOO  
MUCH,  
LEFIYA?



IN...  
COMBAT  
I WAS  
USELESS.  
  
LET  
ME...  
DO...

W-WE...  
WERE  
FORTUNATE  
TO GET THIS  
MANY...DROP  
ITEMS.



I  
AM  
FINE  
!!

ARE  
YOU  
OKAY,  
LEFI-  
YA!?

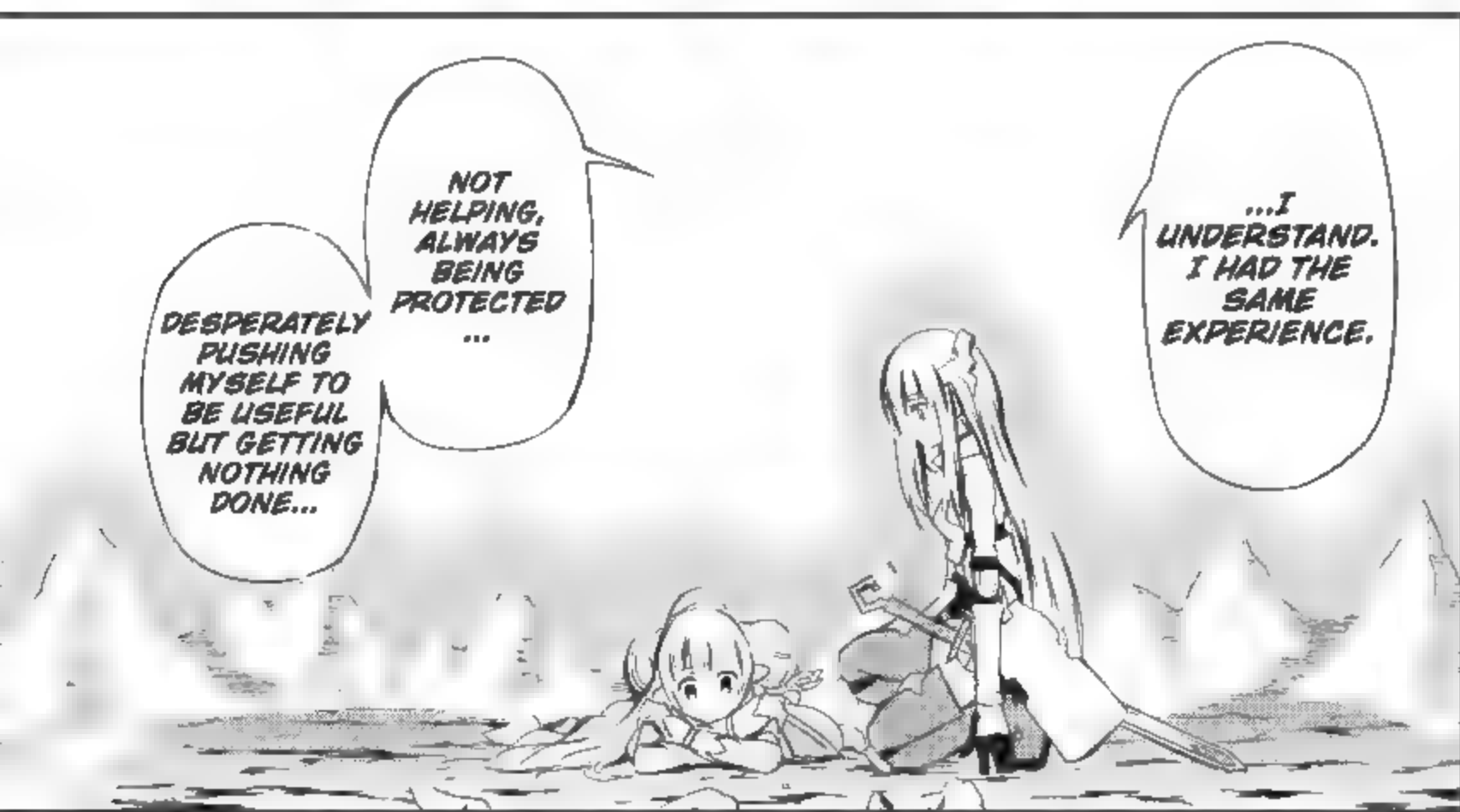


GASSHAN  
(COLLAPSED)

E  
E  
E  
K!

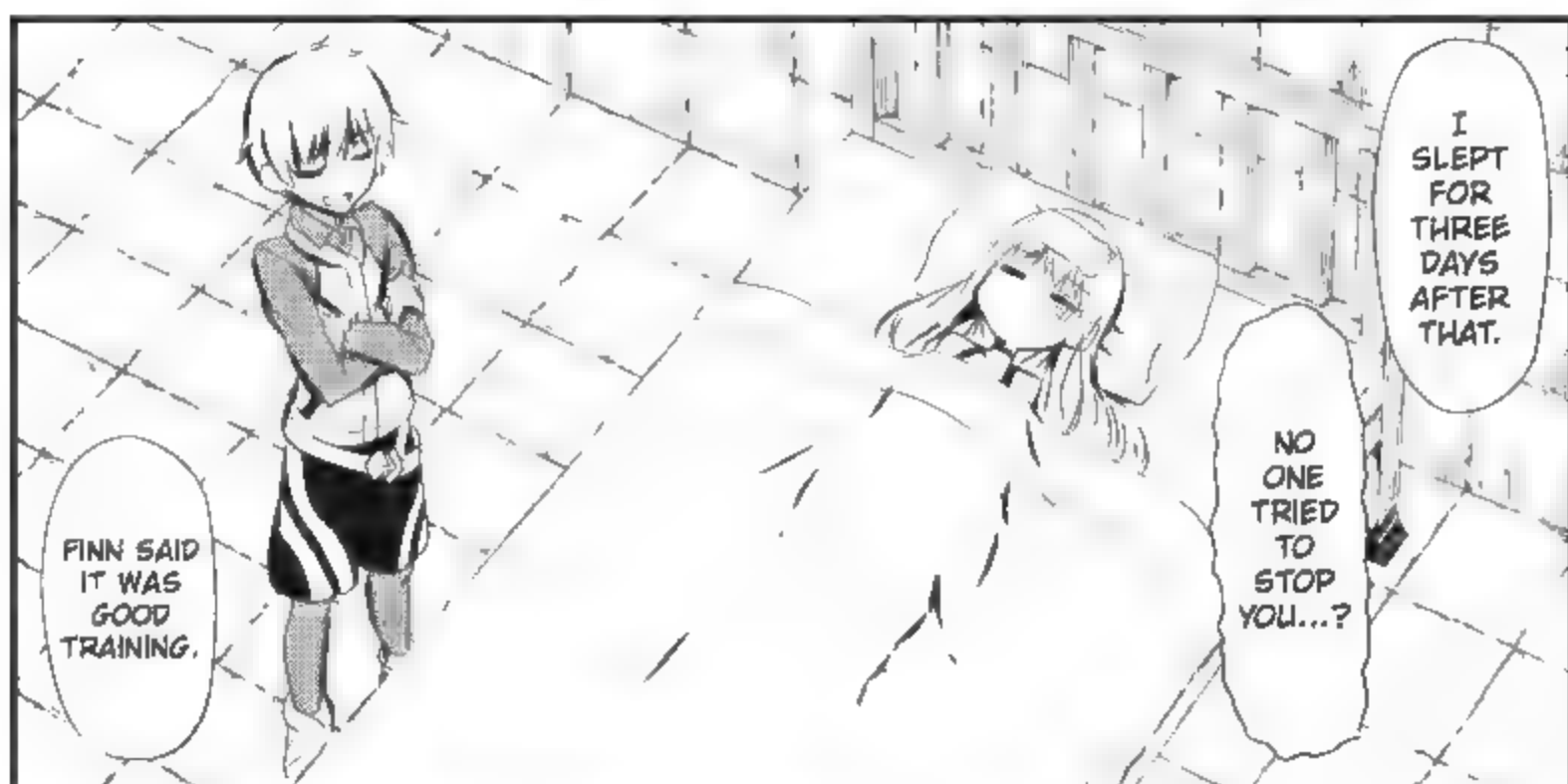












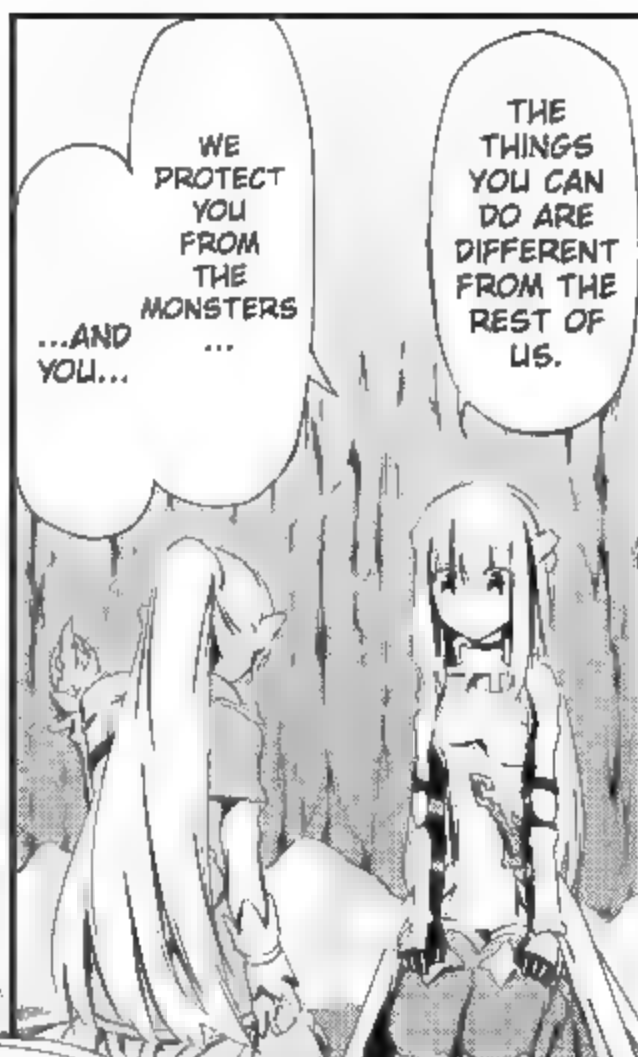


LIM...  
EH...



AND  
...  
YOU  
...

LIM  
...



WE  
PROTECT  
YOU  
FROM  
THE  
MONSTERS  
...  
...AND  
YOU...

THE  
THINGS  
YOU CAN  
DO ARE  
DIFFERENT  
FROM THE  
REST OF  
US.

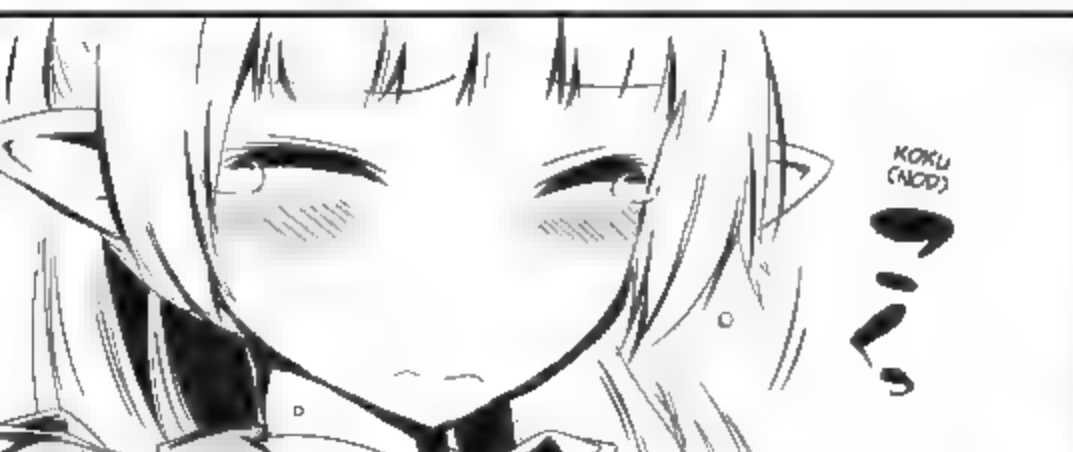


...  
WE  
...



...SO HELP  
US WHEN  
WE'RE IN  
TROUBLE  
TOO,  
OKAY?

WE WILL  
ALWAYS  
PROTECT  
YOU,  
LEFIYA...







THAT ALL  
RIGHT  
WITH YOU,  
LEFIYA?

LET'S  
GET  
IT AND  
MEET UP  
WITH THE  
CAPTAIN.

OUR ONLY  
OBJECTIVE  
IS THE  
CADMUS  
SPRING  
WATER!

Y-  
YES!



...SO  
SORRY  
!!

I AM  
...



...WHERE THE DEEP  
A MAP IS A LEVELS...  
VALUABLE  
GUIDE TO  
DEAL WITH  
THE DAN-  
GERS.

A  
STRANGE,  
MAZE-LIKE  
FLOOR IN

DUNGEON  
FLOOR  
FIFTY-  
ONE—

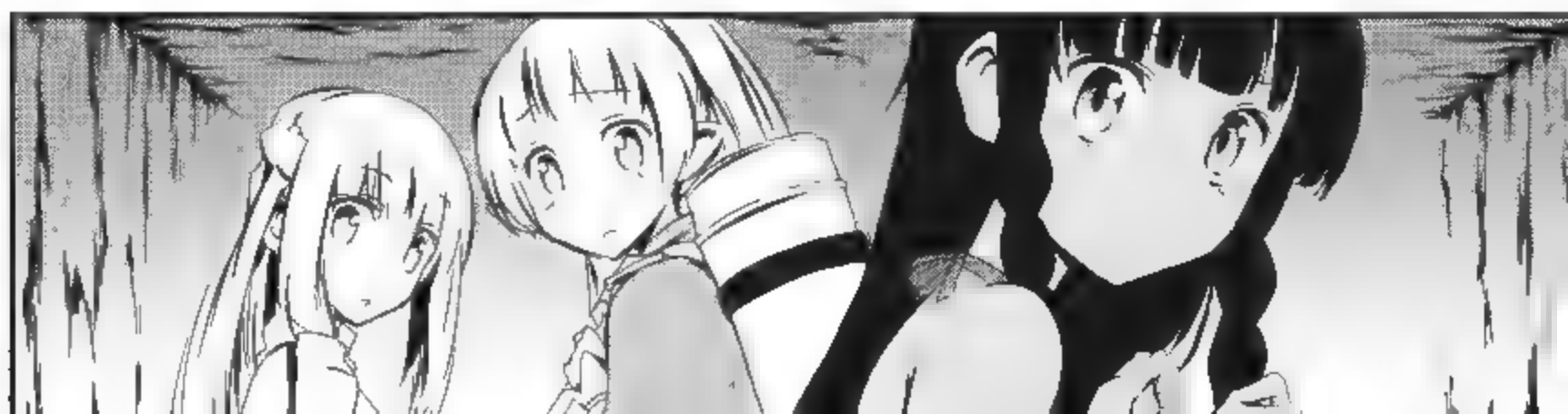
THIS  
IS THE  
FIFTY-  
FIRST  
FLOOR  
ALREADY.

BUT  
NOW  
WHERE  
DO WE  
GO?

EH,  
DON'T  
SWEAT  
IT.

HOW  
COULD I  
HAVE LOST  
THE MAP...











THERE  
HAVEN'T  
BEEN ANY  
MONSTERS  
FOR A  
WHILE.

ISN'T  
IT TOO  
QUIET?

GOOD  
THING THE  
DUNGEON  
IS SO  
QUIET.

WE WERE  
ALREADY  
QUITE  
CLOSE.



WORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT  
AFTER  
WE HAVE  
THE  
SPRING  
WATER.



WHAT ABOUT  
GETTING  
BACK TO  
CAMP? I  
ONLY RECALL  
PART OF THE  
ROUTE...

WELL —

...MAY-  
BE, OR  
MAYBE  
NOT...

ISN'T  
THAT A  
GOOD  
THING?



FOR NOW,  
FOCUS ON  
CADMUS,  
THE GREAT  
DRAGON.



ONCE  
LEFIYA HITS  
IT WITH  
MAGIC,  
WE'LL HAVE  
AN OPEN-  
ING...

AIZ,  
TIONA,  
AND I  
WILL  
ENGAGE  
CADMUS.

STICK  
TO THE  
USUAL  
PLAN.

...AND  
WE'LL HIT  
WHERE IT'S  
WEAKEST.



C-CAN'T  
WE JUST  
SLIP BY  
IT!?

THERE  
WAS ONE  
TIME I GOT  
BATTERED  
ALL OVER  
MY BODY BY  
ONE.

YED!

IS IT  
TRUE...?  
THAT  
CADMUS IS  
THE MOST  
POWERFUL  
MONSTER  
OUTSIDE  
OF FLOOR  
BOSSSES?

WE FINISH  
IT OFF  
FIRST!

IF YOU  
GET  
CAUGHT,  
YOU'RE  
DONE  
FOR.

NOT LIKELY.  
CADMUS  
PROTECTS  
THE SPRING  
LIKE AN  
OVERGROWN  
GUARD DOG.



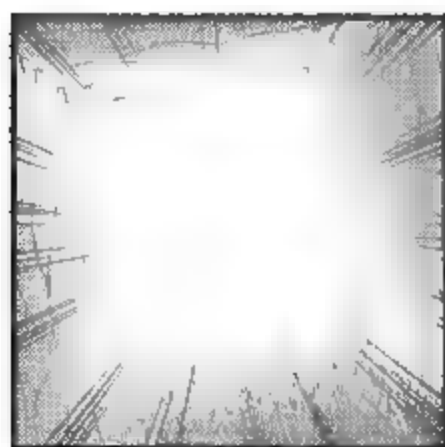
...  
ALL  
RIGHT  
!



LEFIYA,  
WE'RE  
COUNT-  
ING ON  
YOU!

EH...  
...AH.









...THE  
REMAINS  
OF A  
CADMUS  
...!?



GROSS...



!!  
ISN'T THAT



WE WOULD  
HAVE HEARD IF  
ANY OF THEM  
WERE ON AN  
EXPEDITION  
AT THE SAME  
TIME.

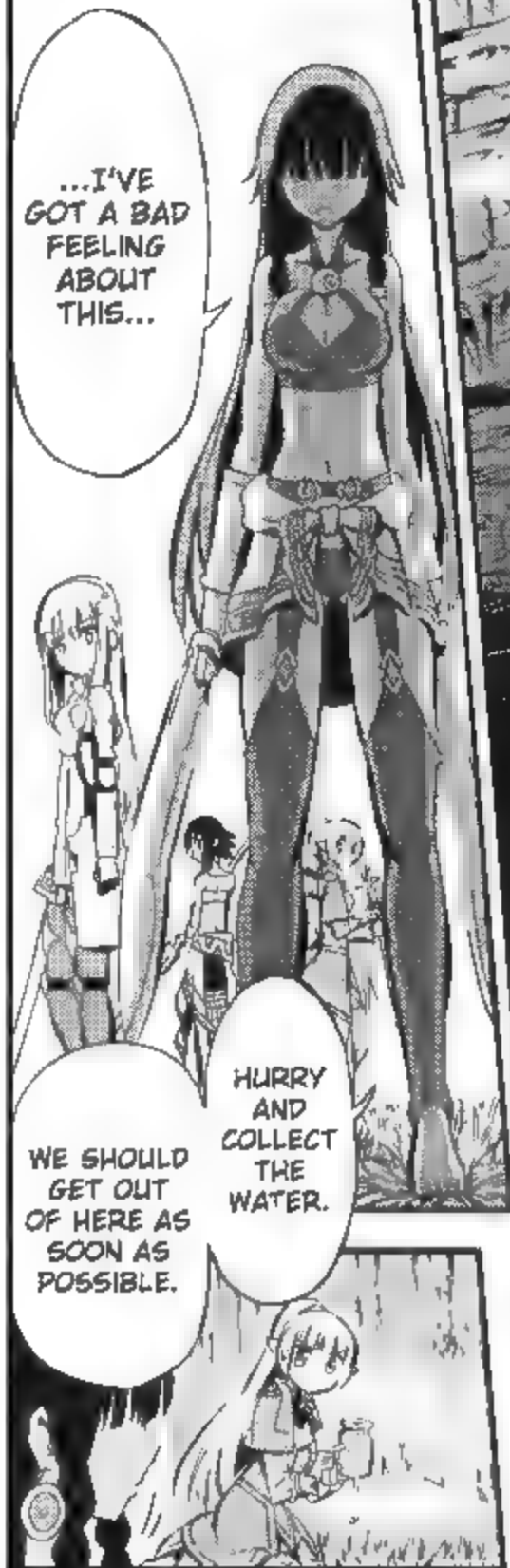
VERY FEW  
PARTIES CAN  
MAKE IT  
THIS DEEP.



PERHAPS  
ANOTHER  
FAMILIA  
SLEW IT  
BEFORE  
US...?









...YES... WE—



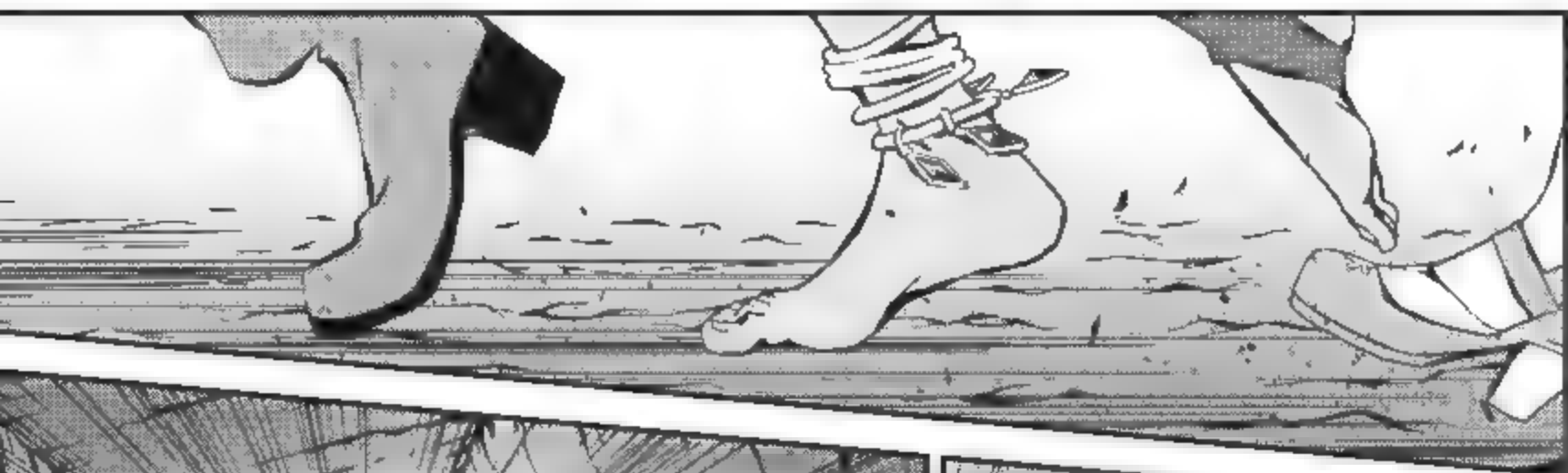


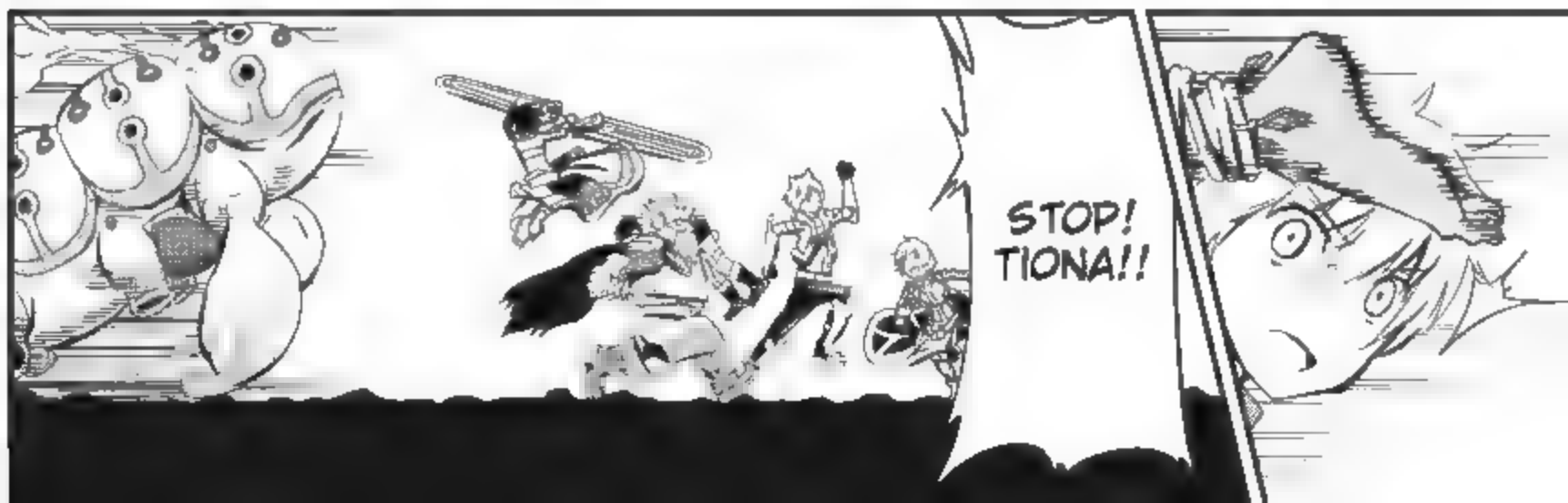


THAT  
VOICE  
!?

RAUL!!













BUN  
(TOSS)

I-IT'S  
MELTING  
!?



BUSHI  
(JOSH)

U  
W  
H  
?



WHAT!?

DORO  
(MELT?)



A NEW  
BREED  
...!?

MORE  
IMPORTANTLY  
...

A NEVER-  
BEFORE-  
SEEN  
MONSTER!!



...IT'S A BOMB  
OF CORROSIVE  
SLUDGE...!!

BOTA

BOTA  
(GLOP)

JYUULU  
(SIZZLE)

DOROO



HOW DARE  
YOU! MY  
PRECIOUS  
URGA!!

DAMN  
YOUUU  
!!

RUN FOR  
IT, YOU  
MORON  
!!

THERE'S  
MORE OF  
'EM!!

HUH?







**UWAHHHHH!?**



**UWAAAAAAHHHHH!**



AFTER LOSING OUR WEAPONS, WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RETREAT.

THE FIRST ONE POPPED UP AFTER WE TOOK DOWN THE CADMUS AND GOT THE WATER.

CAPTAIN, ARE YOU HURT?



THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

I DON'T KNOW. THEY CAME OUT OF NOWHERE.

WHAT ARE THOSE!? JUST WHAT ARE THOSE!!?



THIS AIN'T GONNA BE GOOD IF WE CAN'T HEAL 'IM SOON

BUT RAUL TOOK A DIRECT HIT OF THAT STUFF.

LAH ...

THE THREE OF US ARE OKAY.



OOOO (ROAR)



THIS NEW SPECIES ATTACKS ANYTHING THAT MOVES, NOT JUST US.

EH?  
THEY'RE KILLING OTHER MONSTERS TOO?

...IF ANYTHING, THEY SEEM TO GO AFTER OTHER MONSTERS FIRST.



THESE THINGS CAN KILL A CADMUS.

HMM... THAT SETTLES IT.



AS WELL AS THIS...

CAPTAIN ...

...WE DISCOVERED A SLAIN CADMUS DRAGON AT OUR SPRING, DROP ITEMS INTACT.



IT'S NOT WORTH IT, AND FACING THAT SWARM WOULD BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.

BUT AT THE COST OF A WEAPON... FOR EACH HIT.

OUR ATTACKS INFLECT DAMAGE.

FINN, CAN THEY BE BEATEN?





BUY  
ENOUGH  
TIME FOR  
AN INCAN-  
TATION...

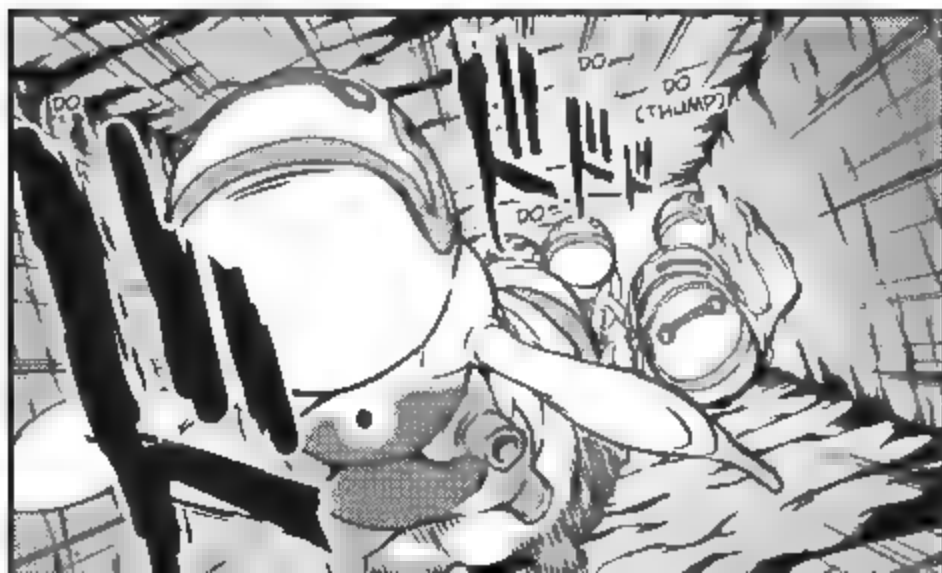
BUT  
MAGIC IS A  
DIFFERENT  
STORY.

...AND  
UNLEASH  
A SPELL  
POWERFUL  
ENOUGH TO  
WIPE THEM  
OUT ALL AT  
ONCE...



EHH??

...  
EH?



MY  
THUMB'S  
TINGLING...

...IT  
PROBABLY  
MEANS  
THEY'RE  
COMING.

EVERY-  
THING'S  
HERE...  
EXCEPT  
FOR  
TIONA'S  
WEAPON.

EH...  
OH,  
YES.

TIONE,  
HOW IS  
YOUR  
STOCK OF  
WEAPONS  
AND  
ITEMS?

TAKE  
RAUL TO  
THE REAR  
AND HEAL  
HIM.

THE  
ROOM  
AHEAD  
IS A  
DEAD  
END.

GOOD.  
PASS  
THEM  
AROUND.

SO  
SHUT  
UP AND  
TAKE  
IT!

CAP-  
TAIN'S  
ORDERS!

IT'S  
GONNA  
MELT  
ANYWAY!

HEY! THE  
HELL AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO DO  
WITH THIS  
TOOTH-  
PICK!?



NO ONE KNOWS  
WHY SOME  
WALLS EMIT  
LIGHT OR WHY  
THE HALLWAYS  
ARE SO  
COMPLEX.

WHY DOES IT  
EXIST? WHY  
DOES IT HEAL  
ITSELF?

THE  
DUNGEON  
IS FILLED  
WITH THE  
"UNKNOWN."



NO

A MON-  
STER!?  
RIGHT  
NOW. .!?

THE  
DUNGEON  
IS THEIR  
MOTHER.

GOBA  
(ROARS)

...CUTS  
OFF ANY  
ESCAPE FOR  
WAYWARD  
ADVENTUR-  
ERS...  
...AND  
PLUNGES  
THEM  
INTO THE  
DEEPEST  
DESPAIR.

A  
MOTH-  
ER  
THAT...

THE DIRTIEST  
OF DUNGEON  
GIMMICKS...

...A  
HORDE OF  
MONSTERS  
BORN ALL  
AT ONCE.

A WHOLE  
MESS OF  
'EM...!!



A  
M  
O  
N  
S  
T  
E  
R  
  
P  
A  
R  
T  
Y  
!





BETE,  
GARTH,  
TIONA!!

HOLD THEM  
OFF AND  
PROTECT THE  
REAR!



AIZ AND I  
WILL TAKE  
ON THE NEW  
SPECIES!  
KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE!

ATTACK!!



YOU'RE  
THE KEY  
TO THIS  
BATTLE.

LEFYA...

CAN'T  
COUNT  
ON THAT.

...BUT  
DO YOU  
THINK IT'LL  
WORK ON  
THE NEW  
SPECIES?

...PROBABLY.

A  
DURANDAL...  
I'M NOT  
DOUBTING  
YOU...

AHH ...

FINN...  
...HERE.





AWAKEN,  
TEMPEST.



A  
I  
R  
I  
E  
L.

GOOOO  
(WHOOSH)





THAT'S A NORMAL BLADE, BUT KNOWING AIZ'S MAGIC, IT SHOULD WORK JUST FINE.





AIRIEL.

AIZ'S  
ONE AND  
ONLY  
MAGIC  
SPELL.



EVEN THE  
CORROSIVE  
LIQUID...

...  
CAN'T  
REACH AIZ  
OR HER  
SWORD  
THROUGH  
THE GALE.

...TURNING  
HER INTO  
THE EYE OF  
A STORM...

...AND HER  
BLADE INTO  
THE CUTTING  
EDGE OF A  
TYPHOON.

IT GEN-  
ERATES  
WIND  
THAT  
TWISTS  
AROUND  
HER...





COMBINING HER  
OFFENSE AND  
HER DEFENSE...

...SHE SWIFTLY  
CUTS THROUGH  
EVERYTHING,  
PROTECTED BY  
ARMOR MADE OF  
WIND.



THAT  
WAS  
CLOSE!

BON  
(BOOM)



BUR  
(TWITCH)

BUKKA  
(THROB)



DOOO  
(CRASH)



MAN...EVEN  
AFTER YOU  
MANAGE  
TO DEFEAT  
THEM, THEY  
EXPLODE...

LOKI FAMILIA  
FIRST-TIER  
ADVENTURER,  
FINN DEIMNE...

...A  
PRUM.



WHICH  
MEANS  
...

BU  
(SQUIRT)

BA

BA

BA

BA

(DRIP)

SHUUU  
(SPLAT)



KYURIN  
(FOCUS)

HIS SHARP  
INTELLECT  
IS HIS  
BOON.



THE  
EXPERIENCE  
TO ALWAYS  
COME  
UP WITH  
THE BEST  
STRATEGY.

THE ABILITY  
TO MAKE SPLIT  
DECISIONS  
AND ACT  
WITHOUT  
HESITATION.

A MEMORY  
POWERFUL  
ENOUGH TO  
RECALL EVERY  
DETAIL OF THE  
VAST, COMPLEX  
DUNGEON.



YEP,  
THIS'LL  
WORK.



BICHA  
(SLICE)

BUN  
(SWISH)

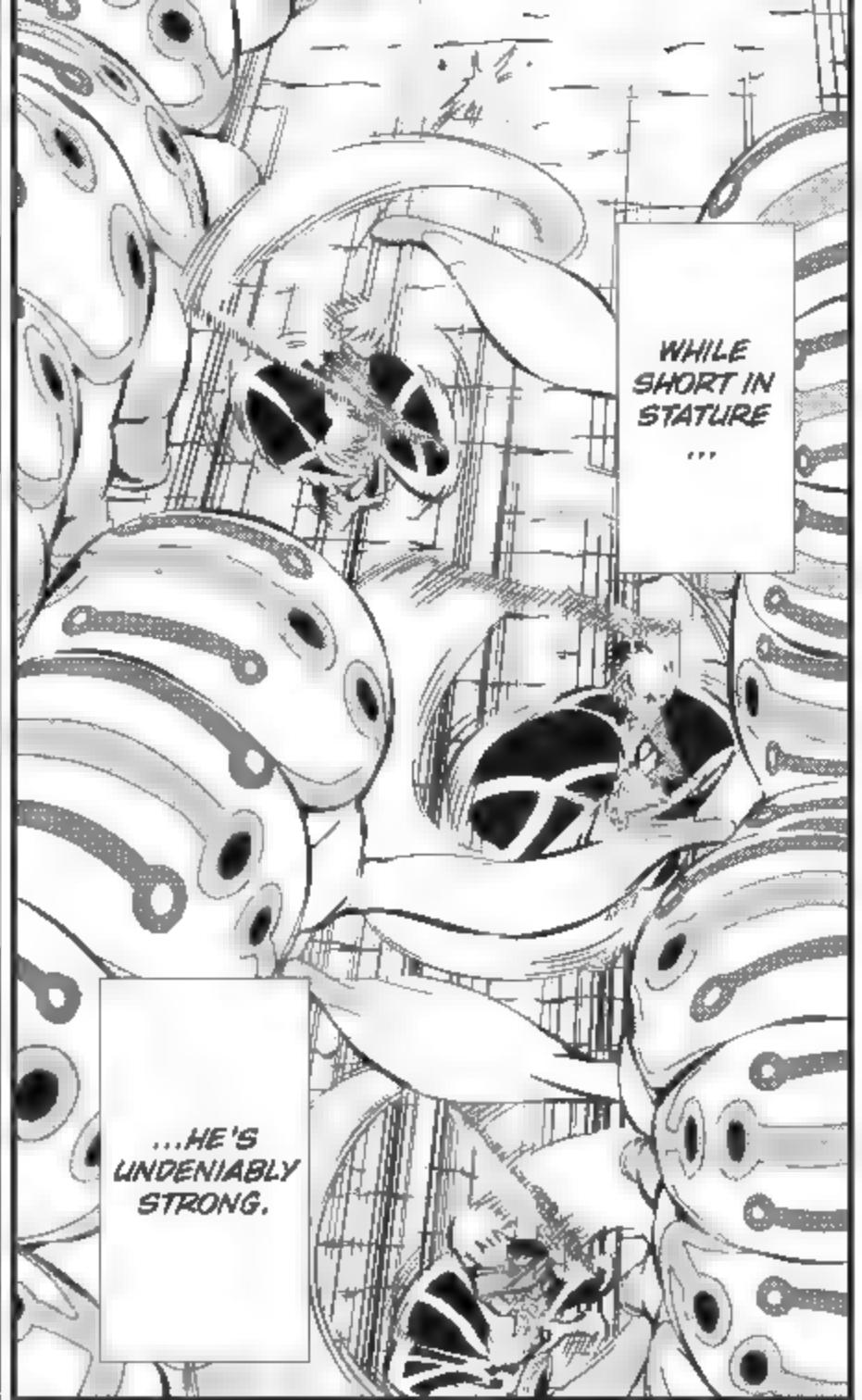




WELL

WIS-  
DOM  
COMES  
WITH  
AGE.

HE'S  
ACTUALLY  
AROUND  
FORTY.



WHILE  
SHORT IN  
STATURE

...HE'S  
UNDENIABLY  
STRONG.



SHUN  
(FWISH)

BESHA  
(CLUT)

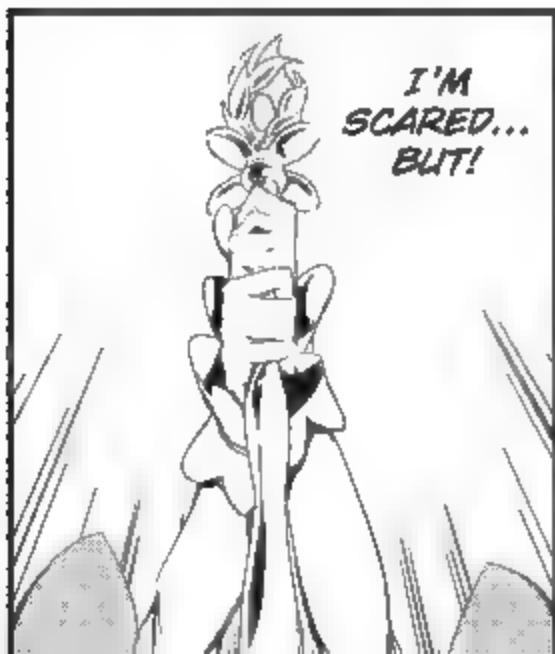
GUSHA  
(SLASH)



THEN I  
JUST  
NEED TO  
CUT THEIR  
LEGS TO  
IMMOBILIZE  
THEM.

IF THEY  
EXPLODE ON  
DEATH...

BICH  
(SPURT)





...TO  
WHAT  
I CAN  
DO!!!

I WILL  
DEVOTE  
EVERY  
FIBER  
OF MY  
BEING

...

DON  
BOOM



I DON'T  
CARE IF I  
COL-  
LAPSE

...I'LL POUR  
ALL OF MY  
ENERGY  
AND SPIRIT  
INTO MY  
MAGIC!!

PROUD  
WARRIORS,  
MARKSMEN  
OF THE  
FOREST

BACHI  
(CRACKLE)

SHI  
(FLARE)

ANSWER  
THE CALL  
OF YOUR  
KIN  
NOCK  
YOUR  
ARROWS

TAKE UP  
YOUR  
BOWS TO  
FACE THE  
MARAUD-  
ERS



I STAND  
HERE NOW,  
IN A PLACE  
THAT I  
HAVE NO  
RIGHT TO  
BE...

...BECAUSE  
EVERYONE IS  
WILLING TO  
RISK THEIR  
LIVES TO  
PROTECT  
ME.









**THAT  
IS WHAT  
A FAMILIA  
IS!!**

**I'M  
READY!**

GYUOOO  
CHARGING!

**THIS IS  
EVERY-  
THING  
I'VE  
GOT!!**















AIZ!?

AWAKEN,  
TEMPEST



LET'S  
GO!

TIONE,  
TIONA,  
BETE!!



...  
COULDN'T  
STOP  
HER IF I  
TRIED.



!!

DON-  
(KAPOW)

AIRIEL!!



DRIVE  
THEM  
...

...AWAY  
FROM  
CAMP!!





# *Sword Oratoria*

is it WRONG  
to try to  
pick up a  
DUNGEON?  
ON THE  
SIDE



DUNGEON  
FLOOR FIFTY:  
LOKI FAMILIA BASE  
CAMP

quest 3: HIGH-VOLTAGE COMBAT

EVERY-  
THING  
AND ANY-  
THING  
THAT CAN  
BE USED  
AS A  
SHIELD!!

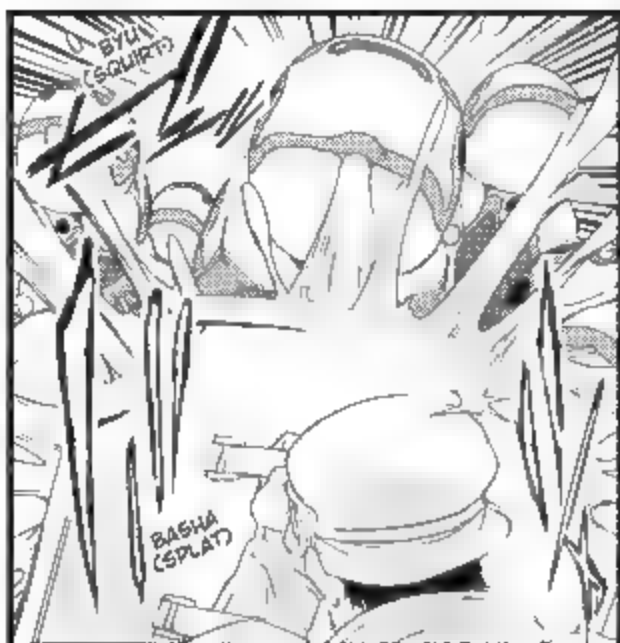
ANYONE  
WHO CAN  
STILL  
MOVE,  
GRAB  
POTS AND  
CUTTING  
BOARDS—

LEENE,  
AMIS,  
LITTI!  
TAKE THE  
INJURED  
TO THE  
REAR!!

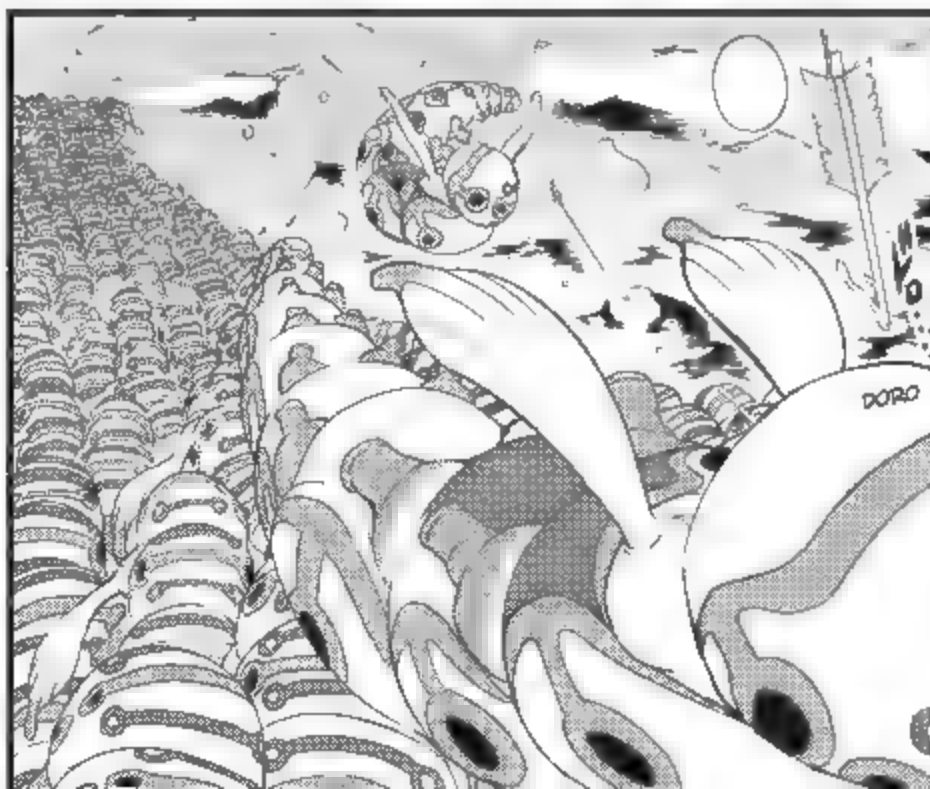
LOKI FAMILIA  
FIRST-TIER  
ADVENTURER  
RIVERIA LJOS ALF

DON'T  
LET A  
SINGLE  
DROP OF  
THAT  
LIQUID  
THROUGH!!

CLOSE  
THE  
FORMA-  
TION!!



ARCHERS,  
LOOSE!!





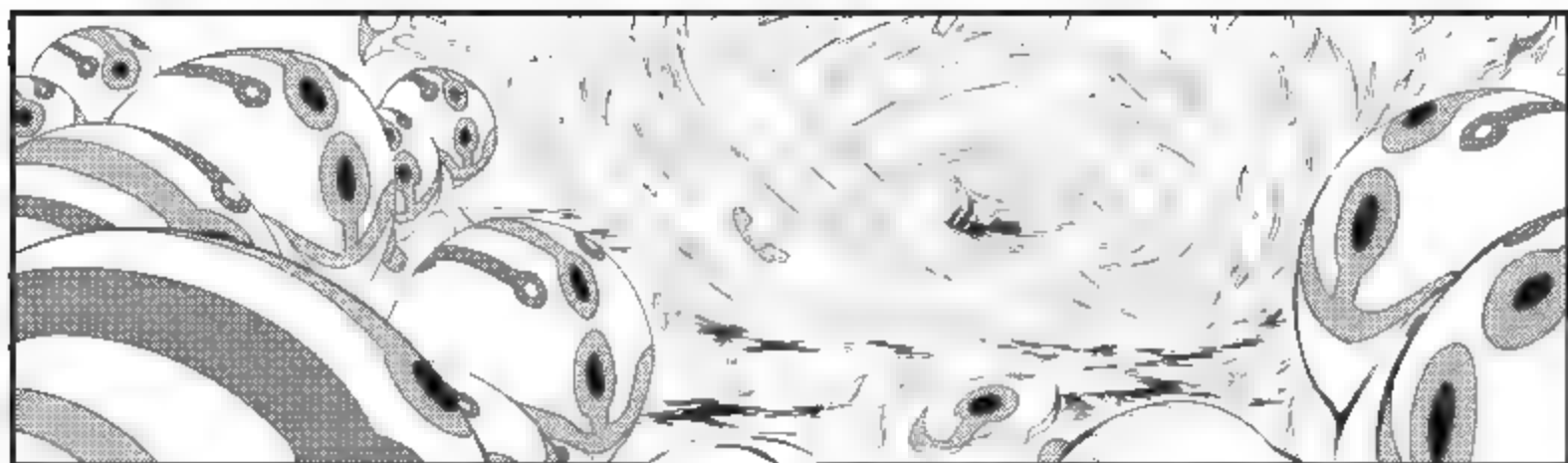


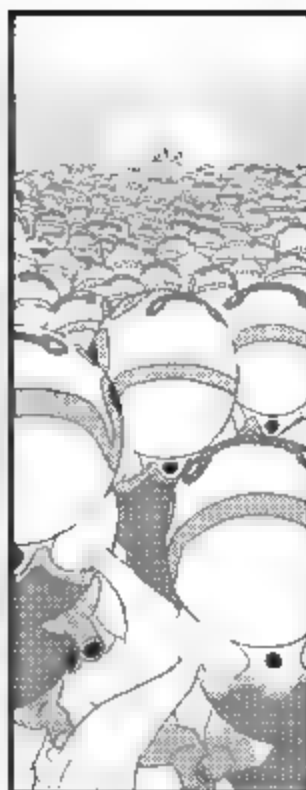
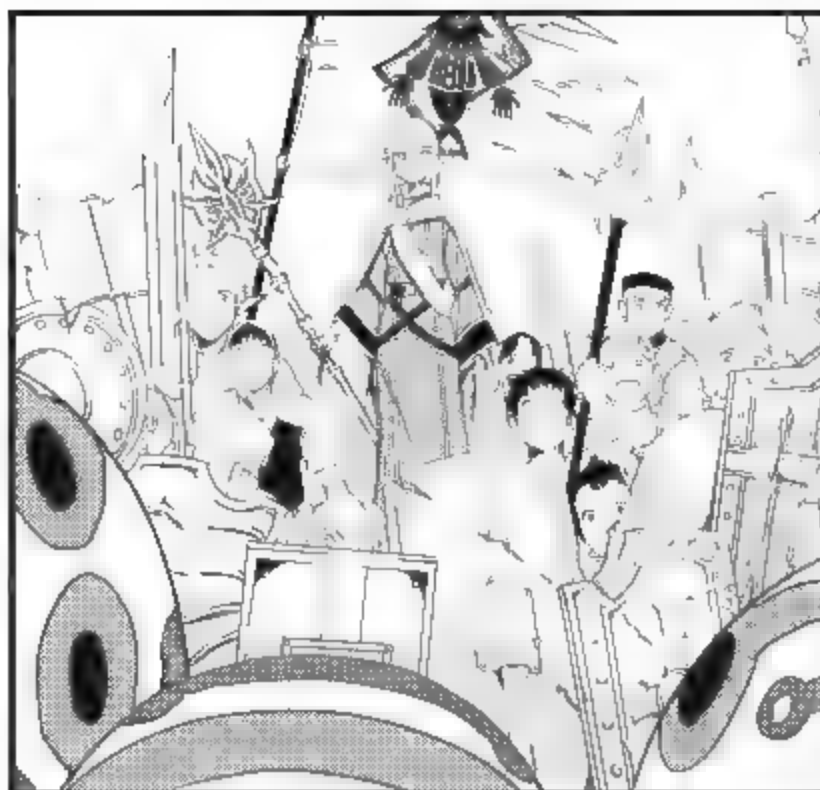
SOME-  
BODY  
HELP  
ME! I  
CAN'T  
SEE!

DAMMIT!  
DAMN IT  
ALL!!

THE BLEED-  
ING WON'T  
STOP..  
BRING  
OUT  
MORE  
POTIONS,  
NOW!!









OI! YOU  
CAN'T  
HAVE  
ALL THE  
FUN!



CUR-  
RENTLY  
HOSTING  
AIZ'S,  
AIRIEL.

SECOND-  
TIER  
MYTHRIL SUPERIOR,  
BOOTS THAT "FROGVIRT"  
THAT  
ABSORB  
MAGICAL  
ENERGY TO  
CHANGE  
ATTACK AT-  
TRIBUTES.



AIRIEL IS  
ONE HELL  
OF AN  
UNRULY  
STEED FOR  
YOU...

AIZ!



I'LL  
PROTECT  
THEM!!





**...BUT  
IF IT'S  
ME  
USING  
IT—!!!**



**YOU'RE  
NOT  
EVEN  
LOOKIN'  
!?**



**HOW DO  
YA LIKE  
THAT?  
MY  
AIRIEL  
HAND-  
LING!!**

**HAN!**





...  
TCH.



AND  
THEY'RE  
TENACIOUS  
AS HELL  
...!!

WEAPONS  
MELT THE  
MOMENT  
THEY CUT  
INTO THEIR  
BODIES AND  
THEY SPEW  
DISGUSTING  
GOO.

DAMN,  
THESE  
THINGS  
ARE  
ANNOYING  
...!



...AND  
BETE  
NEEDS TO  
SHUT THE  
HELL UP  
BEFORE  
I SLICE  
HIM INTO  
MINCEMEAT!

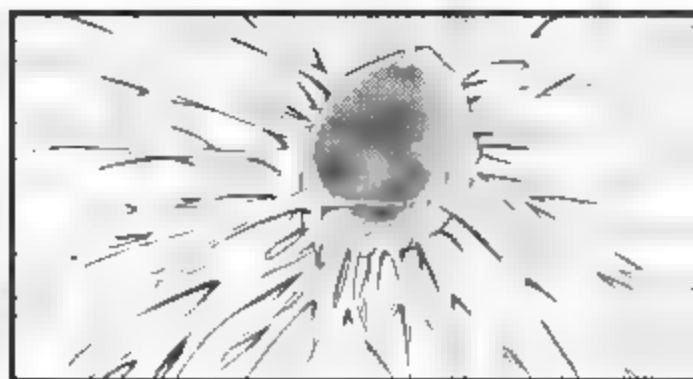
THE  
THOUGHT  
OF COPYING  
MY LITTLE  
SISTER  
MAKES ME  
WANT TO  
PUKE...



EVERY-  
THING'S  
JUST...

... A  
PAIN  
IN MY  
ASS!









ZAAA  
(WISS)

ユウウウ  
ユウウウ...

BLECHIN  
(CRIP)

!!G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G-G!!

WHO'S  
NEXT  
!?



I'M SURE  
THAT EVEN  
I...

...CAN HELP  
EVERYONE—  
CAN HELP  
AIZ...!!



BUT I...  
EVEN IF I'M  
WEAKENED,  
I CAN STILL  
DIVERT THE  
MONSTERS'  
ATTENTION!

YER MIND  
IS RUNNIN'  
LOW! YA  
SHOULD  
REST!

LEFIYA!!



LEFIYA, BLAST  
HER WITH  
ALL THE  
ELIXIR WE  
GOT!

EH...?  
T-TIONE-  
SAN!!?

RAUL  
'N' I'LL  
MAKE A  
PERIMETER!



DORO  
CORIP?

LEFIYA...  
GOT ANY  
ELIXIRS?



!?





BE  
PREPARED.

WE'LL  
DISCUSS  
THIS  
LATER.

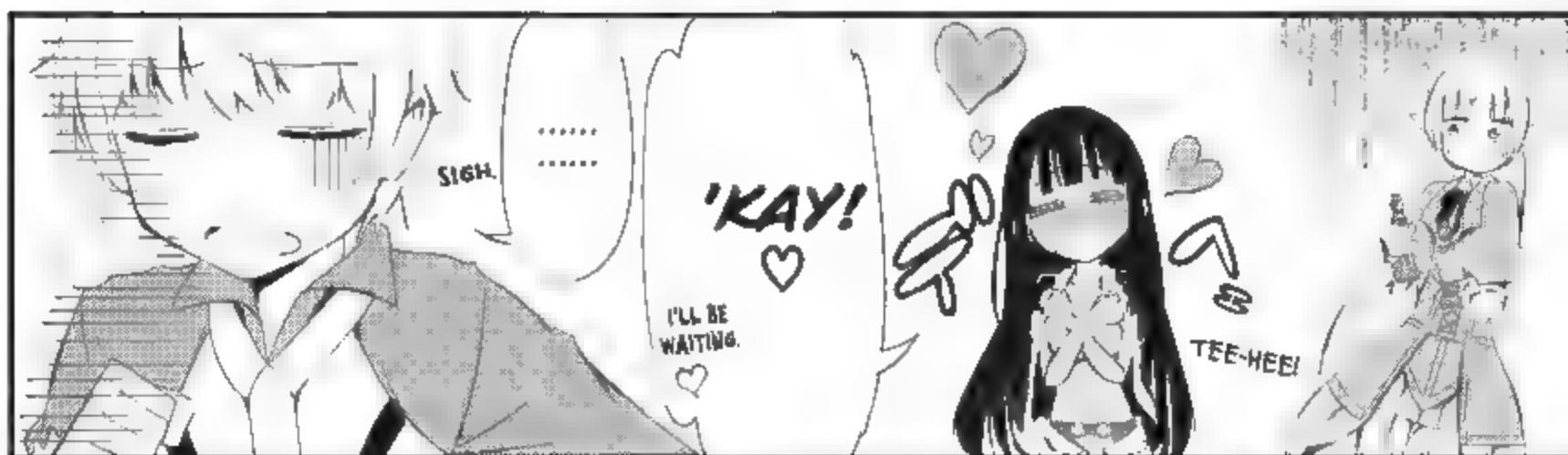


CAPTAIN  
...!



DON'T BE  
RECKLESS

PASA  
(GHP)



SIGH.

'KAY!

I'LL BE  
WAITING.

TEE-HEE!



THE  
SPIRIT!!

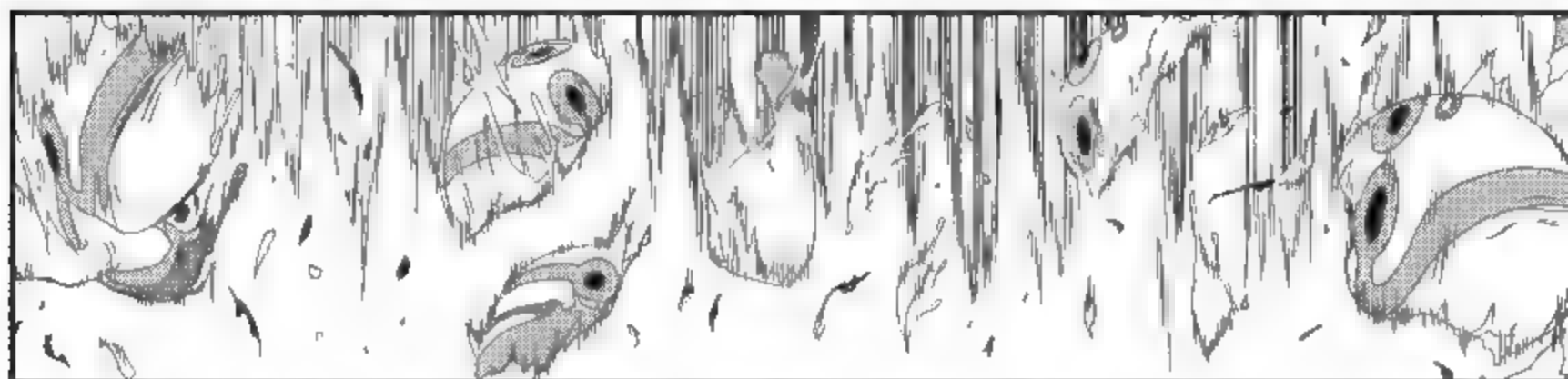


YA  
LACK  
THE  
SPIRIT,  
BOY...

HOW IS  
TIONE-SAN  
STILL STAND-  
ING AFTER  
TAKING ALL  
THAT ACID ?









...A FAILURE  
AS THE ONE  
IN CHARGE OF  
DEFENDING  
THE CAMP...

BUT CASU-  
ALTIES ARE  
HIGH...



IT  
APPEARS  
THE  
WORST  
IS BEHIND  
US...



WHAT'S  
MORE.....  
THOSE  
MONSTERS  
.....



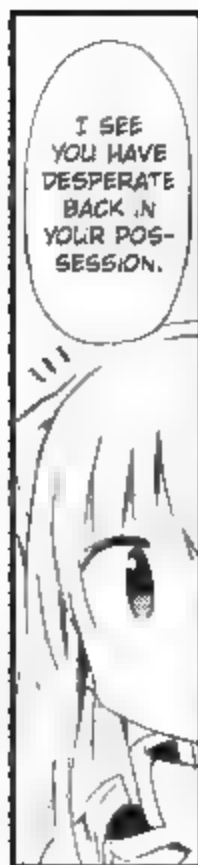
...  
WHAT...  
IS  
THAT  
.....!?



MORE  
URGENT  
MATTERS  
REQUIRE  
ATTEN-  
TION.

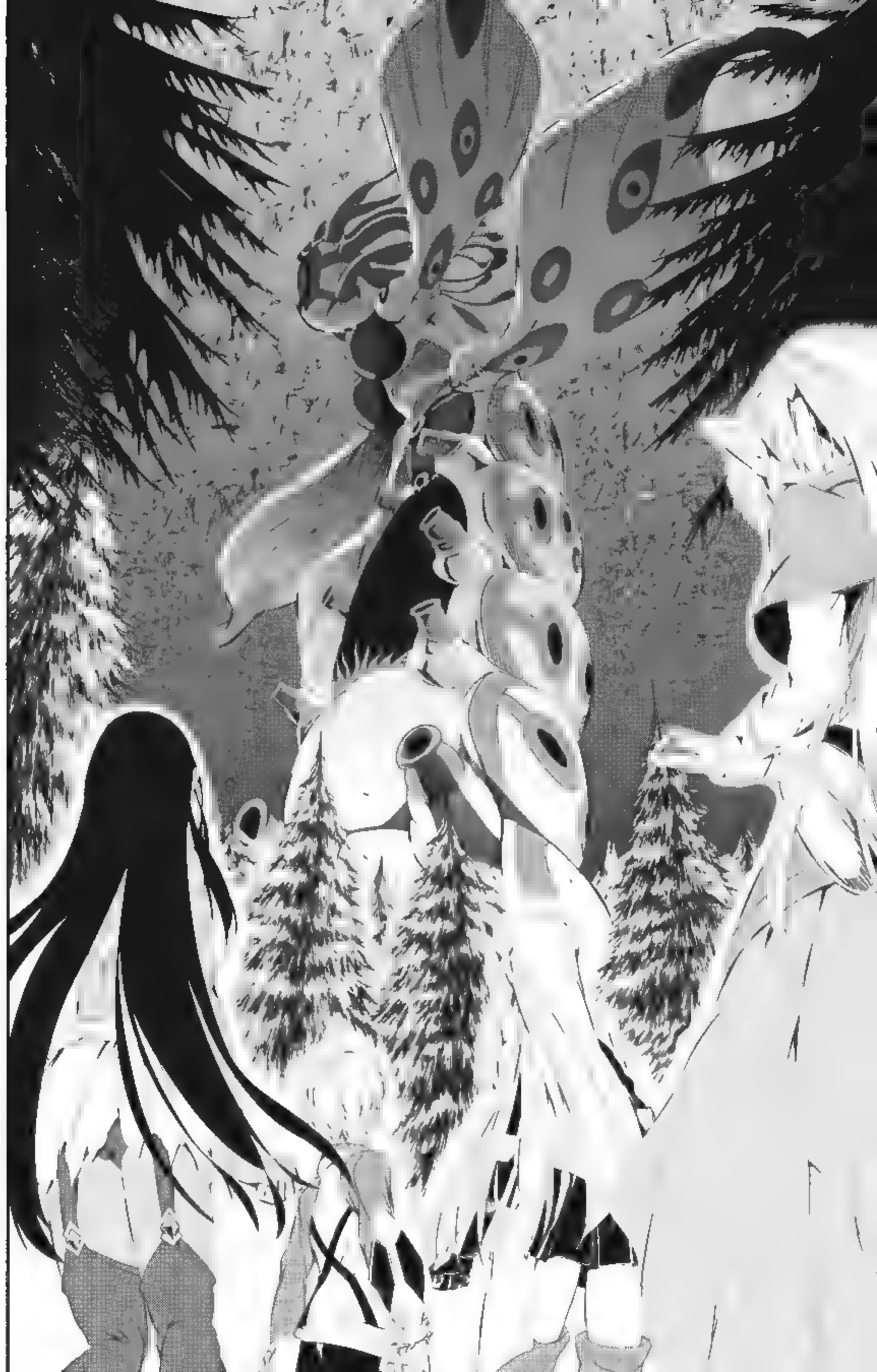
NO...  
MULLING  
OVER IT  
NOW IS  
POINT-  
LESS.













AND AT  
THAT  
SIZE...



...WILL  
THAT THING  
EXPLODE  
IF WE TAKE  
IT DOWN,  
LIKE WITH  
THE  
OTHERS...?

DON'T  
BE  
STUPID  
...!

DESTROY-  
ING  
EVERY-  
THING  
IN ITS  
PATH?  
PROBA-  
BLY. ?

...DID  
THAT  
COME UP  
FROM A  
LOWER  
FLOOR  
TOO?



ZOKU  
(SHUDDER)



.....?

KIRA  
(SPARKLE)

KIRA

BUMBA  
(FWUMPH)



FINDIN' T  
WOULD BE  
QUITE THE  
CHALLENGE

IF WE  
WERE TO  
AIM FOR ITS  
MAGIC  
STONE  
...!!

HEADS  
UP!! IT'S  
MOVING!!



**FULL  
RETREAT.**



...!  
THAT  
GLITTER-  
ING DUST  
JUST  
EXPLOD-  
ED...!!



**TAKE  
THE BARE  
MINIMUM  
AND WITH-  
DRAW.**

**TEAR  
DOWN  
CAMP AS  
QUICKLY  
AS POSSI-  
BLE.**

**!?**





BUT THIS  
IS THE ONLY  
WAY TO  
**TAKE IT  
DOWN** AND  
MINIMIZE  
OUR  
LOSSES.  
  
SORRY  
FOR THE  
PLATI-  
TUDES.



I REALLY  
DON'T  
WANT TO  
EITHER.

ARE WE  
JUST  
GOING  
TO  
IGNORE  
THAT  
THING!?

OI,  
FINN!?  
YOU  
CAN'T  
BE  
TELLIN'  
US TO  
RUN  
AWAY!?



**ALONE.**

**AIZ,  
TAKE IT  
DOWN.**



**CAPTAIN,  
PLEASE  
THINK  
THIS  
OVER!**



**CAPTAIN,  
I WOULD  
ALSO  
ASK  
YOU TO  
PLEASE  
RECON-  
SIDER!**



**WAIT,  
THINK  
ABOUT  
THIS,  
FINN!!**

**WHY DOES  
A.Z HAVE  
TO GO BY  
HERSELF!?  
I'M GOING  
TOO!**



**RAIL,  
RAISE THE  
CALL FOR  
RETREAT FOR  
RIVERIA AND  
EVERYONE!!**

**THERE'S  
NO TIME.**



**GO.**

**DON'T  
MAKE ME  
REPEAT  
MYSELF.**



LEFIYA.



EVEN IF  
I'M NOT  
BY HER  
SIDE...

...I CAN  
STILL LEND  
HER WHAT  
STRENGTH I  
HAVE...!!

PLEASE  
CAPTAIN!!



...A-AT  
LEAST  
ALLOW  
ME TO  
SUPPORT  
HER!?



...IT'S  
OKAY.

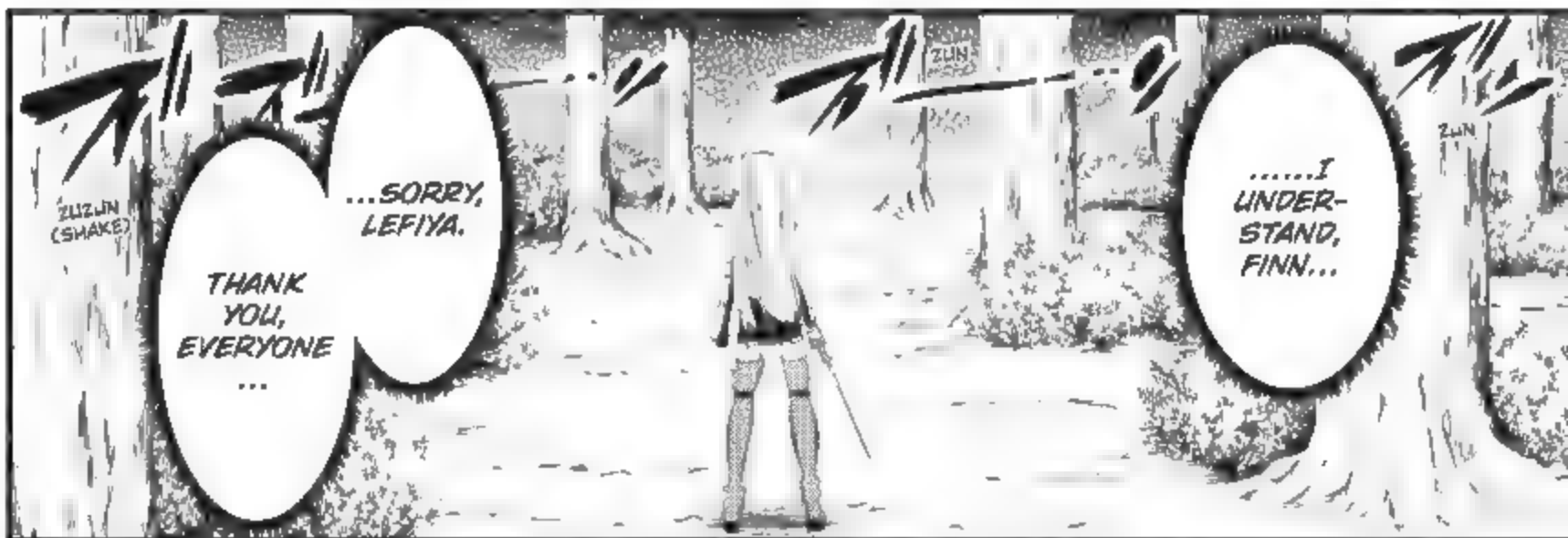


.. I  
WILL  
WAIT  
FOR  
YOUR  
RETURN  
!

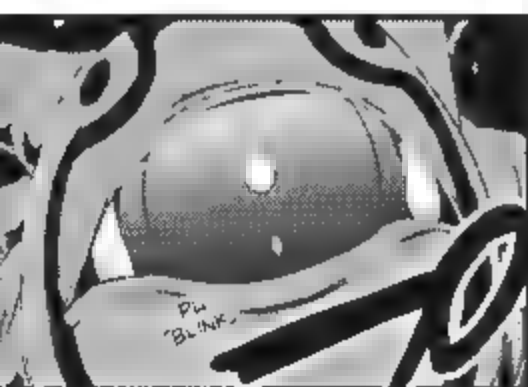


...SOME-  
ONE LIKE  
ME...  
CAN'T  
EVEN...

//  
.....









...  
**BECAUSE  
I WON'T  
LOSE!!!**

BABABABA  
CHHOOO

GO  
(BURST)





...BROUGHT  
HER  
IMMEDIATE  
SURPRISE  
AND RELIEF.

AIZ'S  
FIRST AT-  
TACK...





BUT NOW SHE  
DIDN'T HAVE TO  
WORRY ABOUT  
ACCIDENTALLY  
SLAYING THE  
BEAST TOO  
QUICKLY.



THE  
CREATURE'S  
HIDE WAS  
STRONG  
ENOUGH TO  
DEFLECT  
DESPERATE  
EVEN AFTER  
IT HAD BEEN  
IMBUED WITH  
THE AIRIEL  
SPELL.



AMID A  
STORM OF  
FURIOUS  
SLASHES...

...AIZ  
KNEW SHE  
WOULD BE A  
SUCCESSFUL  
DECOY.



BUT THAT  
THOUGHT  
LEFT HER  
OPEN...



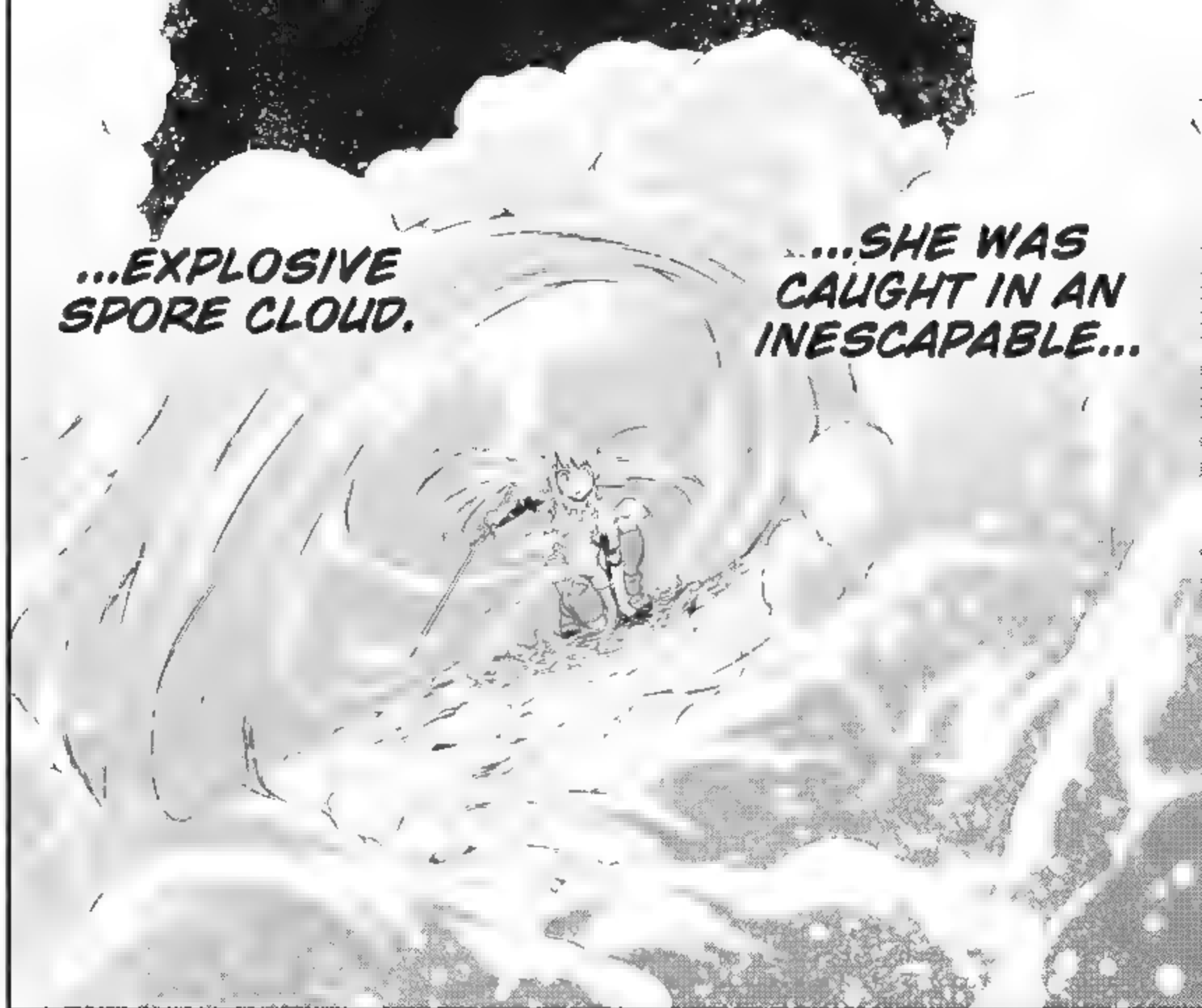
DEFLECTING  
THE  
CORROSIVE  
LIQUID  
LEFT HER  
OPEN TO A  
PHYSICAL  
ATTACK.



...AND EVEN  
AFTER SHE  
PUT SPACE  
BETWEEN  
THEM, SHE  
STILL MISSED.

**...EXPLOSIVE  
SPORE CLOUD.**

**....SHE WAS  
CAUGHT IN AN  
INESCAPABLE...**



ZA  
(THRUST)

WIND.

HOW-  
EVER—



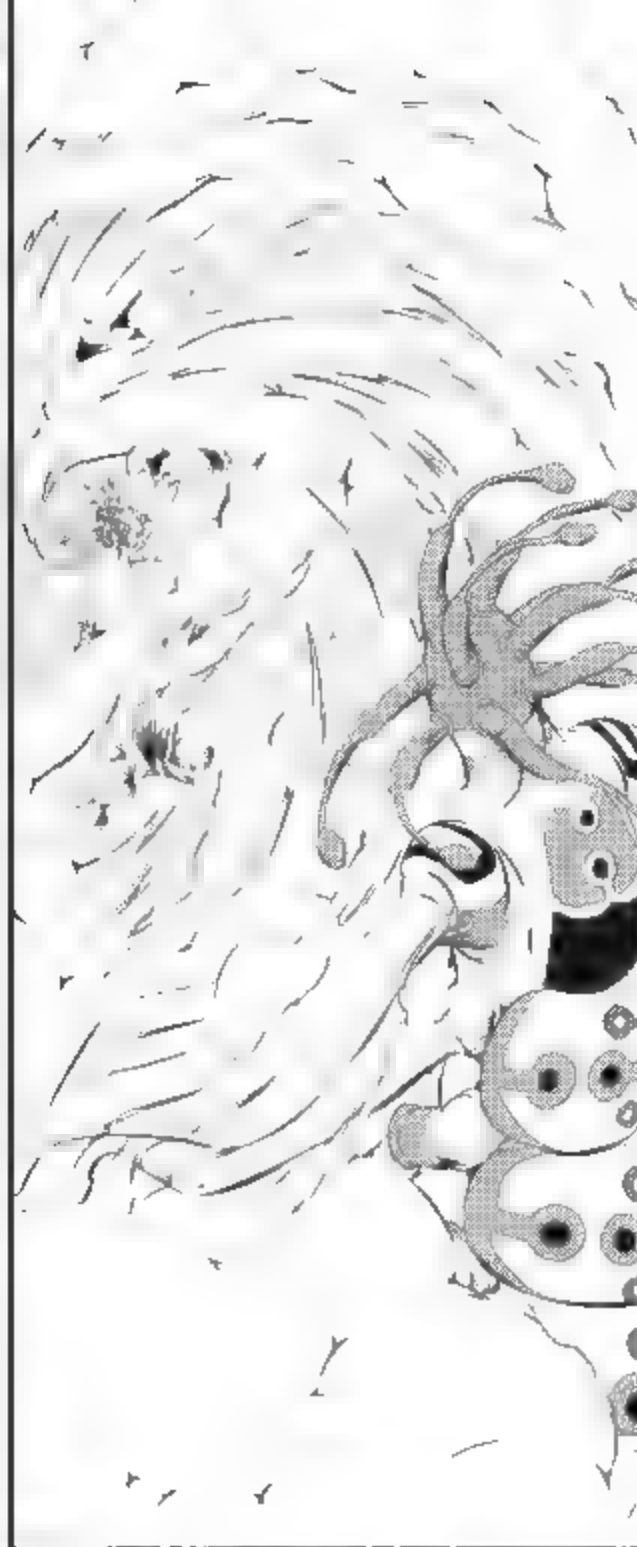
— SHE WAS  
THE KENKI,  
AIZ WALLEN-  
STEIN.

GOO  
CHHOOM





THREE SECONDS.



FOR AIZ,  
THAT WAS  
MORE  
THAN  
ENOUGH  
TO DEVISE  
A COUNTER.

SHE'D  
SEEN  
THE  
SPORES  
EXPLODE  
THREE  
TIMES.

ADVENTURERS  
NEVER  
NEGLECT  
TO COLLECT  
INFORMATION.

DETONATION  
REQUIRED  
THREE  
SECONDS.

ALL  
ATTRIBUTES  
ADVENTURERS  
SHOULD FEAR.  
BUT ALL WERE  
USELESS  
AGAINST AIZ.

LARGE CLOUDS  
OF EXPLODING  
SPORES,  
UNBLOCKABLE  
CORROSIVE  
LIQUID. WEAPONS  
MELTING ON  
CONTACT.





LOKI  
FAMILIA'S  
CAPTAIN  
FINN  
DEIMNE  
HAD  
FIGURED  
IT OUT.

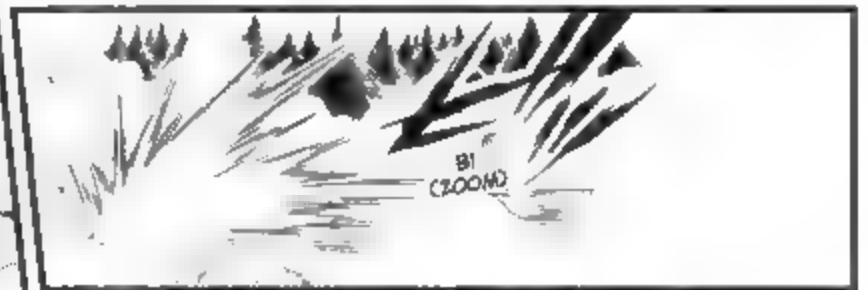


...THE SWORD  
PRINCESS  
KENKI, AIZ  
WALLENSTEIN.

THAT THIS  
UNKNOWN  
MONSTER'S  
WORST ENEMY  
WOULD BE...



...AND  
GET  
CLOSE!!

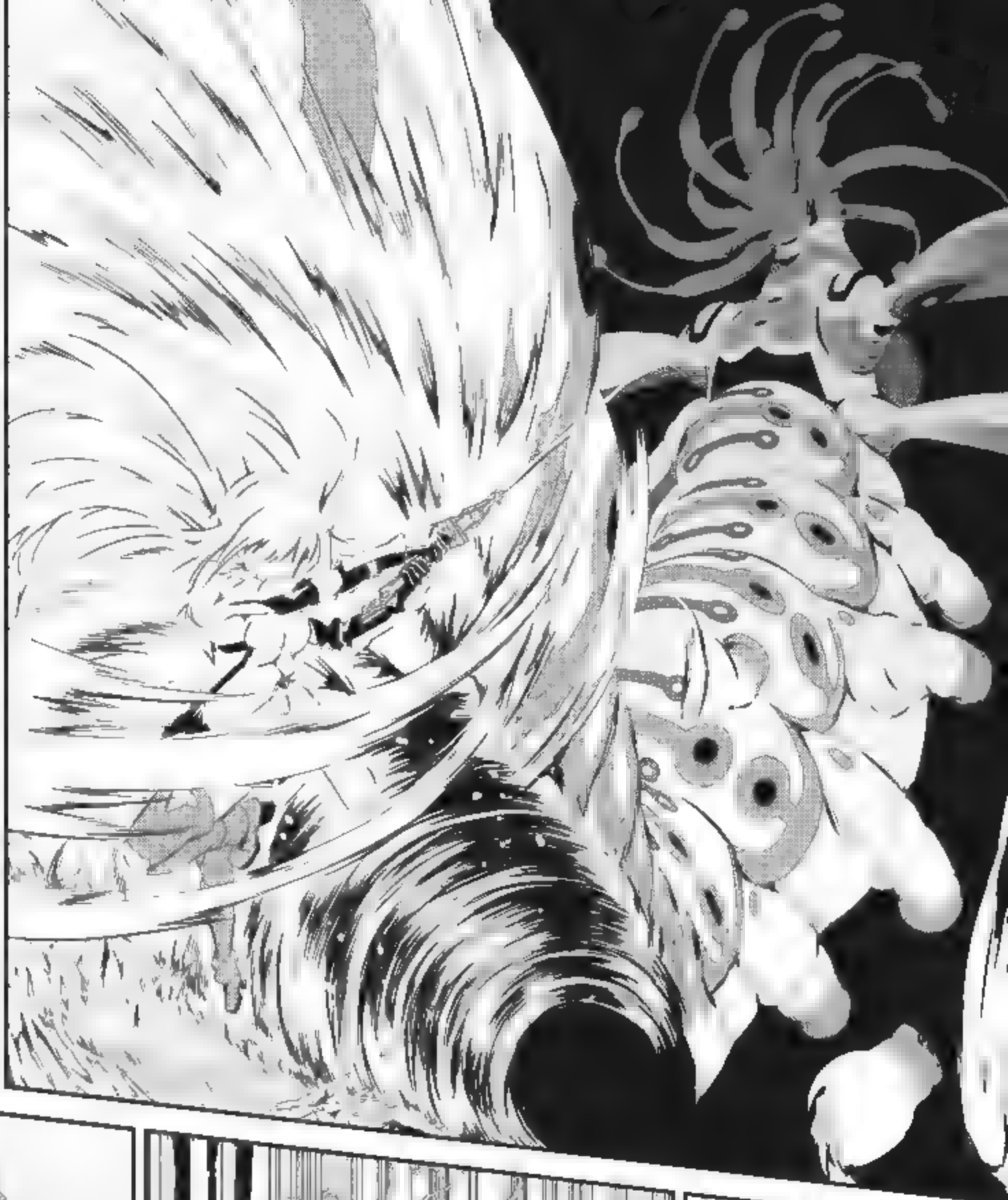


PERMIS-  
SION TO  
DESTROY  
THE  
TARGET!

THAT'S  
FINN'S  
SIGNAL!

USE THE  
EXPLO-  
SION'S  
SMOKE...

I WANT TO BE STRONG.



AND...  
TO MAKE  
MY WISH  
COME  
TRUE.

TO NEVER  
LOSE  
ANYONE  
AGAIN.

STRONG  
ENOUGH TO  
PROTECT  
THOSE  
IMPORTANT  
TO ME.

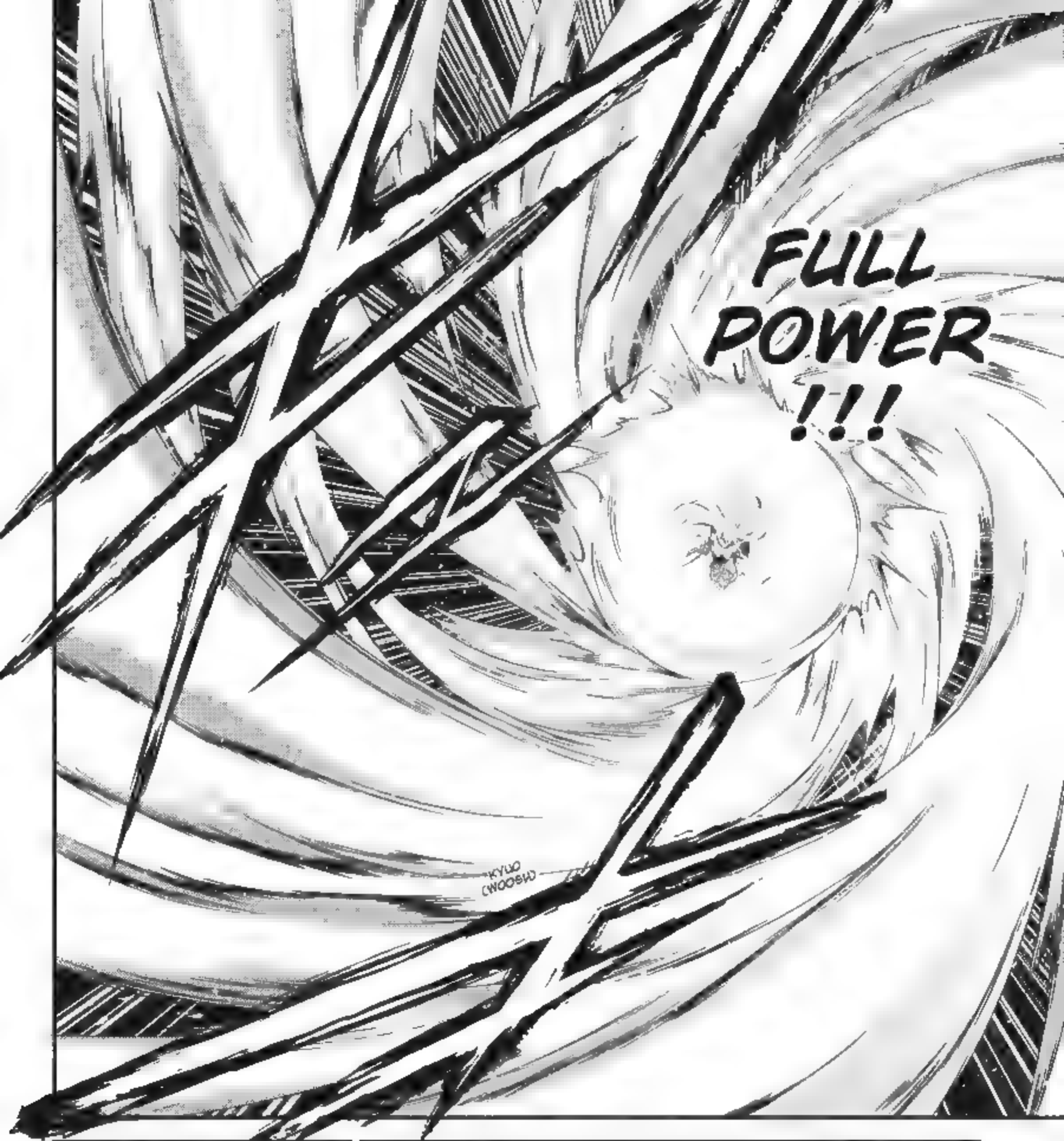
BOKU  
(SWOOSH)



I WILL BECOME THE STRONGEST OF THE STRONG.







**FULL  
POWER  
!!!**

KYUO  
(WOOSH)



YELLIN'  
OUT THE  
NAME OF  
AN ATTACK  
BOOSTS ITS  
POWER, YA  
HEAR!?

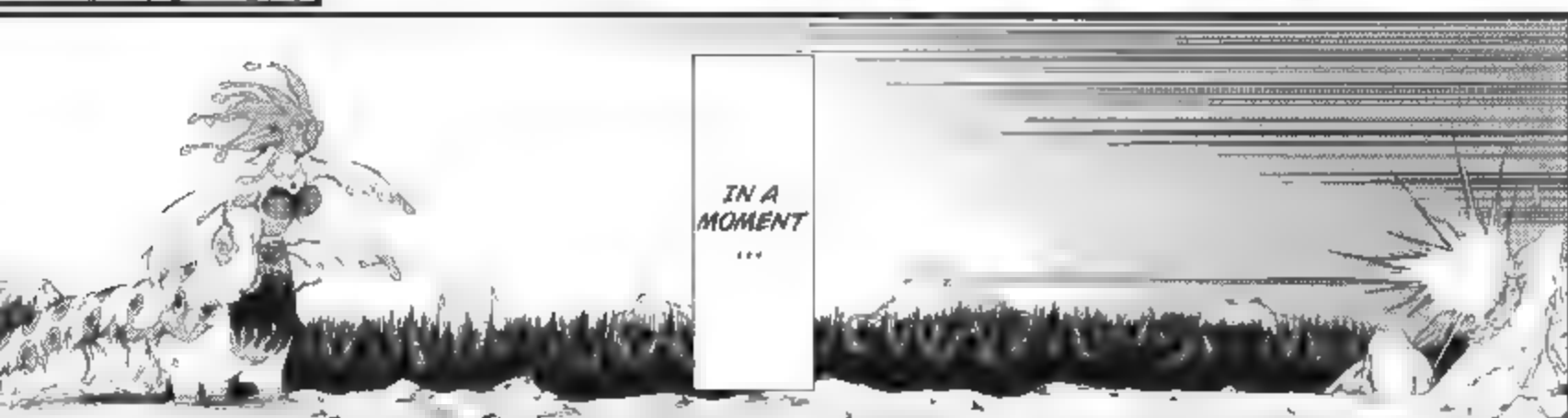
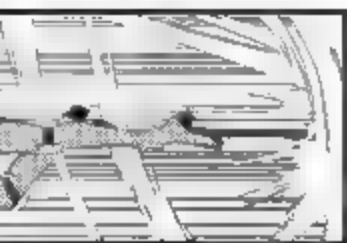


AIZ-TAN

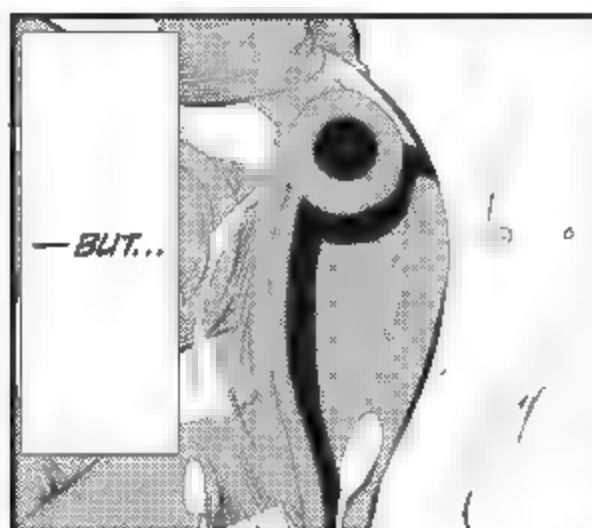
...I'LL  
TEACH YA  
A TRICK  
TA GET  
STRONG!



L I L  
R A F A G A .



IN A  
MOMENT



—BUT...

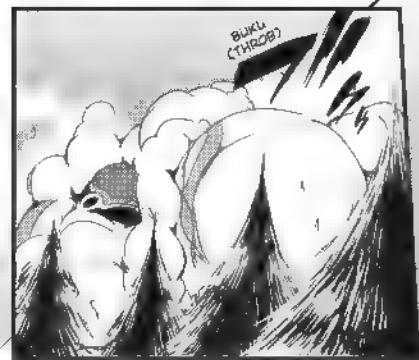
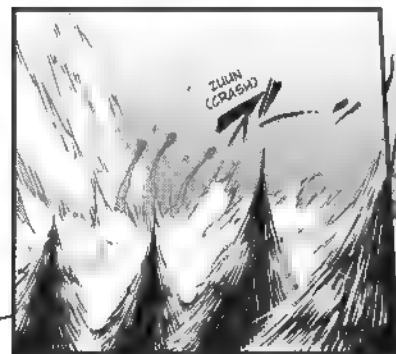
THESE  
GODLIKE  
REFLEXES  
WERE ALL  
INSTINCTUAL,  
ONLY  
POSSIBLE FOR  
BEASTS.

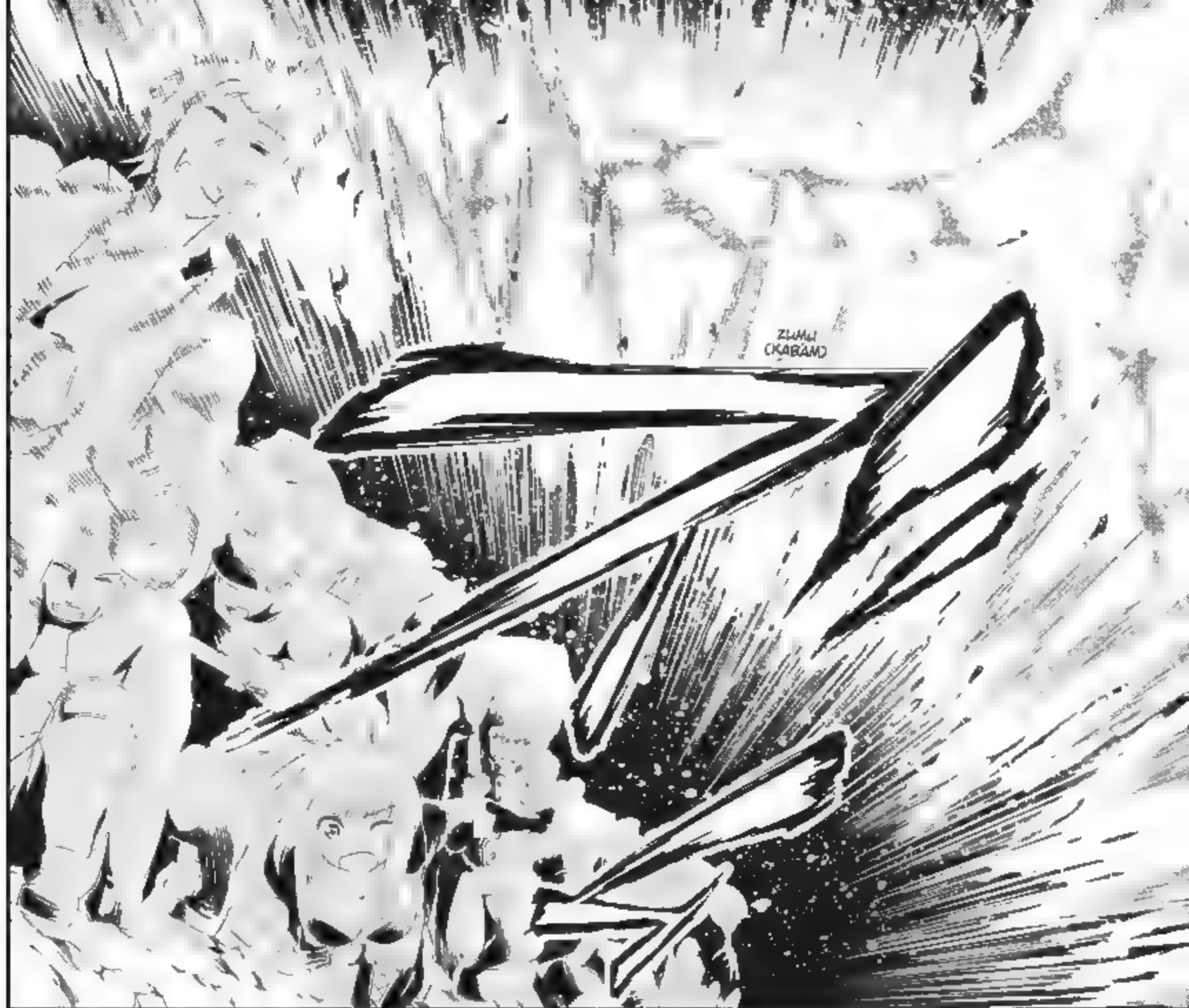
...THE MONSTER  
SAW ITS ENEMY  
CLOSE THE 100-  
MEDER GAP AND  
INSTANTLY TOOK  
A DEFENSIVE  
STANCE.





...LIGHT  
CANNOT  
BE  
STOPPED.





IT'S  
AIZ-SAN  
WE'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
...!!



TH...  
THIS  
DOESN'T  
LOOK  
GOOD  
...!

IT'S  
OKAY.



AIZ  
!?





I COULD  
NEVER  
CATCH UP  
TO HER  
EVEN IF I  
TRIED...

BECAUSE  
HER  
STRENGTH  
IS SO FAR  
BEYOND  
MINE...!



...SO I DE-  
CIDED TO AT  
LEAST HAVE  
FAITH IN  
HER AND  
WAIT...!!

THERE WAS  
NOTHING I  
COULD DO TO  
HELP AIZ-  
SAN...



BECAUSE  
SHE IS  
THE ONE  
I ADMIRE  
MORE  
THAN ANY  
OTHER...



...AIZ  
WALLENSTEIN!!

BUA  
(WHOOSH)



THEIR  
TREK  
BACK  
TO THE  
SURFACE  
WAS  
ABOUT TO  
BEGIN.

LOKI  
FAMILIA'S  
EXPEDITION  
CAME TO AN  
END ON THE  
DUNGEON'S  
FIFTIETH  
FLOOR.



# *Sword Oratoria*

is it wrong  
to try to  
pick up a  
dungeon?  
on the  
side







...LOKI  
FAMILIA  
WAS  
FORCED  
TO END ITS  
EXPEDI-  
TION...  
...DUE TO THE  
EXTENSIVE  
LOSS OF  
MATERIAL,  
ESPECIALLY  
WEAPONS,  
DURING THE  
FIGHT.

BECAUSE  
OF THE  
MONSTERS  
ENCOUNTERED  
ON FLOOR  
FIFTY AND FIFTY-  
ONE...



BUT WE  
WORKED SO  
HARD JUST  
TO GET  
TO FLOOR  
FIFTY...



...THERE  
WAS  
SOMETHING  
REALLY  
STRANGE  
ABOUT  
THEM.

WELL,  
YEAH.

WHAT  
THE  
HECK  
!?

IS THAT  
ONE OF  
THEIR  
MAGIC  
STONES!?



OHMM, I  
HATE THIS!  
WHAT WERE  
THOSE  
MONSTERS,  
ANYWAY!?

SPLITTING  
INTO TWO  
GROUPS,  
THEY  
BEGAN TO  
HEAD BACK  
TO THE  
SURFACE...

ONLY  
THING  
WE'RE  
SURE OF  
IS THAT  
THEY'RE  
UNIDENTI-  
FIED.



HEE  
HEE  
HEE!

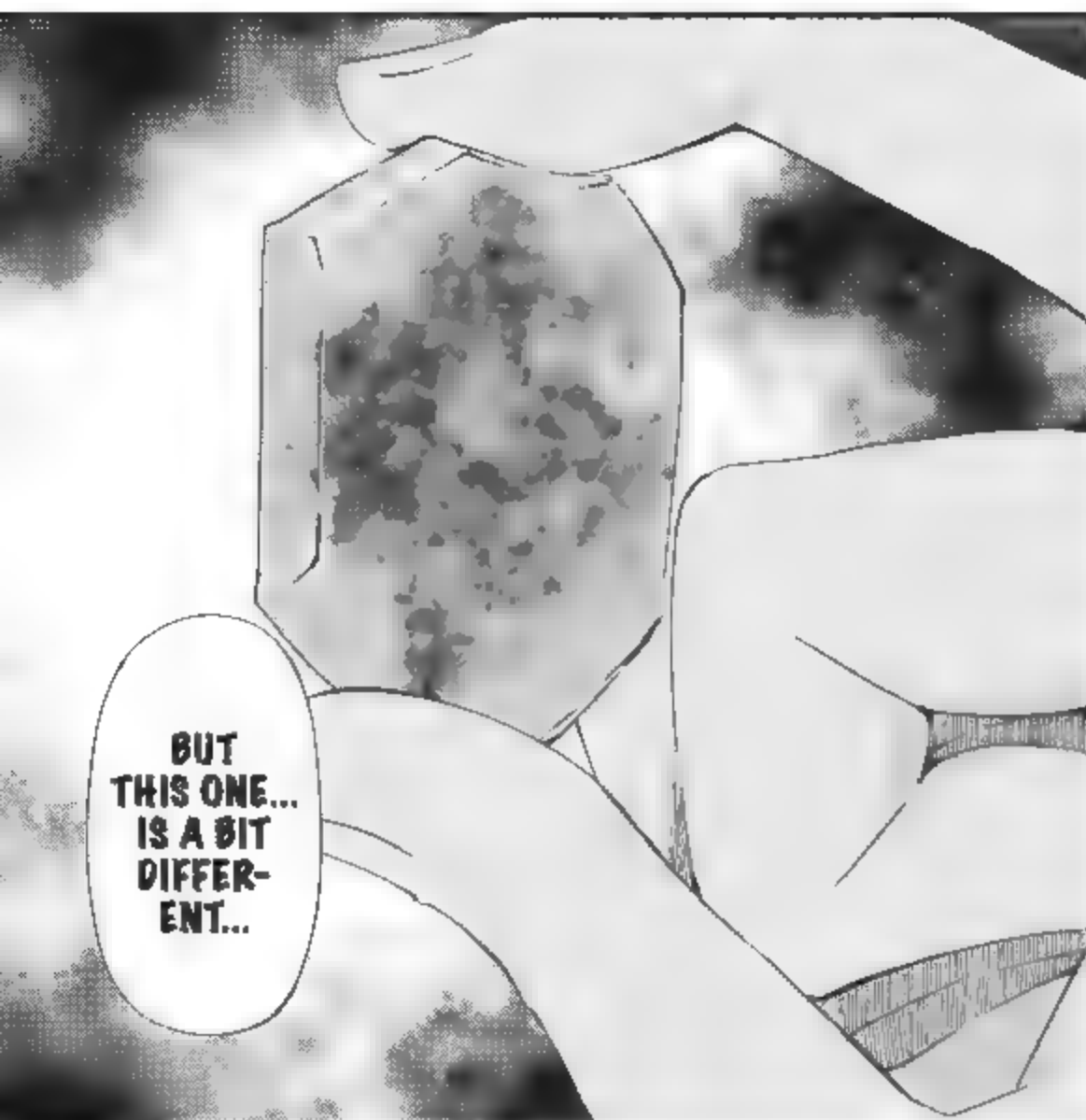
RIPPED  
IT RIGHT  
OUT  
OF ITS  
CHEST.

HOW THE  
HELL'D  
YOU GET  
IT!?

BURU  
(SHIVER)

THOSE  
THINGS  
EITHER  
BLOW UP  
...

...OR  
DISSOLVE  
IN THEIR  
OWN ACID  
WHEN THEY  
DIE.



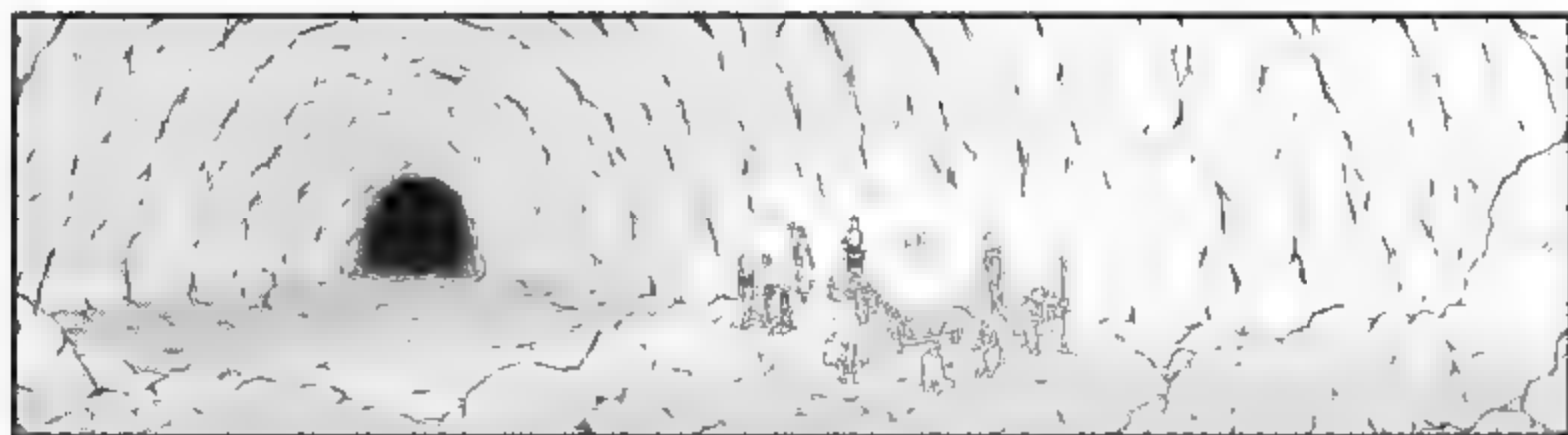
BUT  
THIS ONE...  
IS A BIT  
DIFFER-  
ENT...



WOAH.

I KNOW...  
NORMALLY,  
MONSTERS  
HAVE DARK  
PURPLE  
ONES.

WHAT'S  
WITH THIS  
COLOR...?









BUT...

...THOUGH NOT  
AS MUCH AS  
THEY DO WITH  
BETE, IT SEEMS  
LIKE EVERYONE  
IS VERY  
RESERVED  
WITH ME...



BETE LOGA-  
SAN. JUST  
AS STRONG  
AS TO BE  
EXPECTED...  
MAYBE EVEN  
MORE SO FOR  
SOMEONE WHO  
TAKES PRIDE  
IN POWER.

PERHAPS THAT'S  
WHY HE TREATS ME,  
A FELLOW FIRST-  
TIER ADVENTURER,  
DIFFERENTLY  
FROM THE FAMILY  
MEMBERS.



DO YOUR  
BEST  
TO LOOK  
DOWN ON  
'EM.

YOU  
SHOULD  
STAY  
THE WAY  
YOU ARE,  
BECAUSE  
YOU'RE  
STRONG.



A  
WEAPON-  
LESS  
PIGEON  
BRAIN  
LIKE  
YOU  
SHOULD  
JUST  
GO HELP  
THE  
SUP-  
PORT-  
ERS!

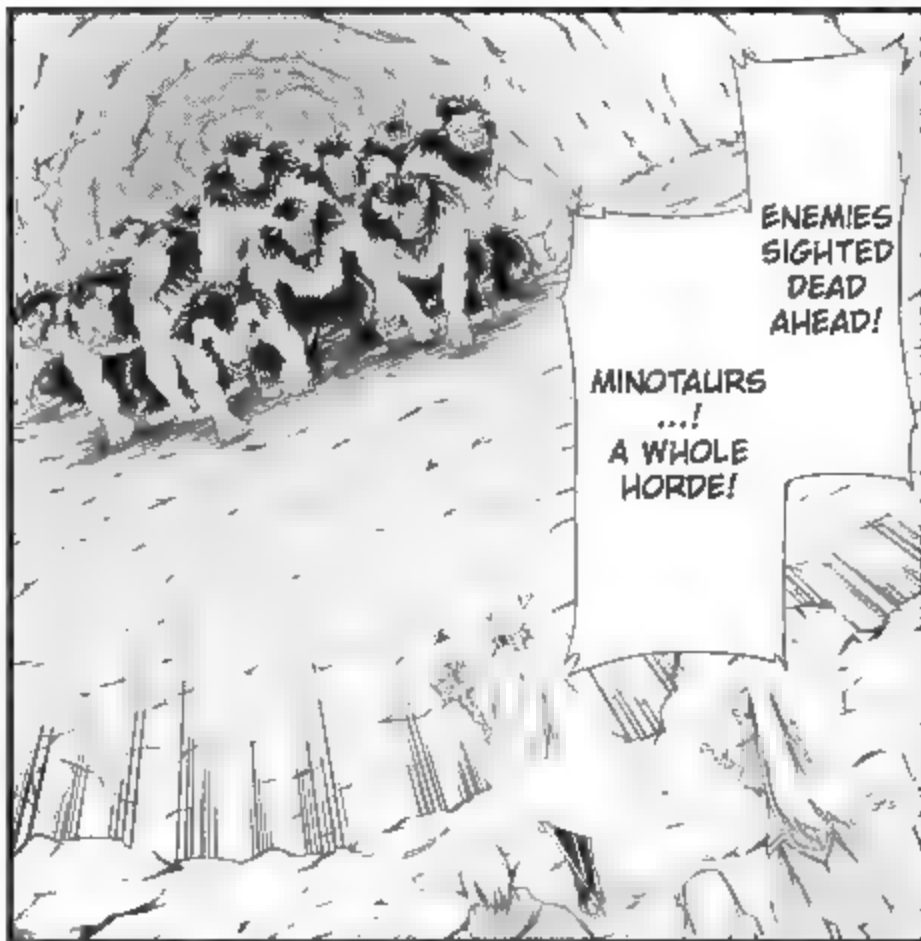
SHADDUP!

HEY!  
DON'T  
UPSET  
AIZ, YOU  
IDIOT!

GRRR!

PUNSUKA  
(PUMES)

AM I  
SCARY...?



ENEMIES  
SIGHTED  
DEAD  
AHEAD!

MINOTAURS  
...!  
A WHOLE  
HORDE!



TCH.

SURE  
ARE A  
MESS  
OF 'EM.

YEAH  
RIGHT,  
DIMWIT.

THEY SEE?  
CAME  
TO SHUT  
YOU  
UP.



Y-YES  
MA'AM!

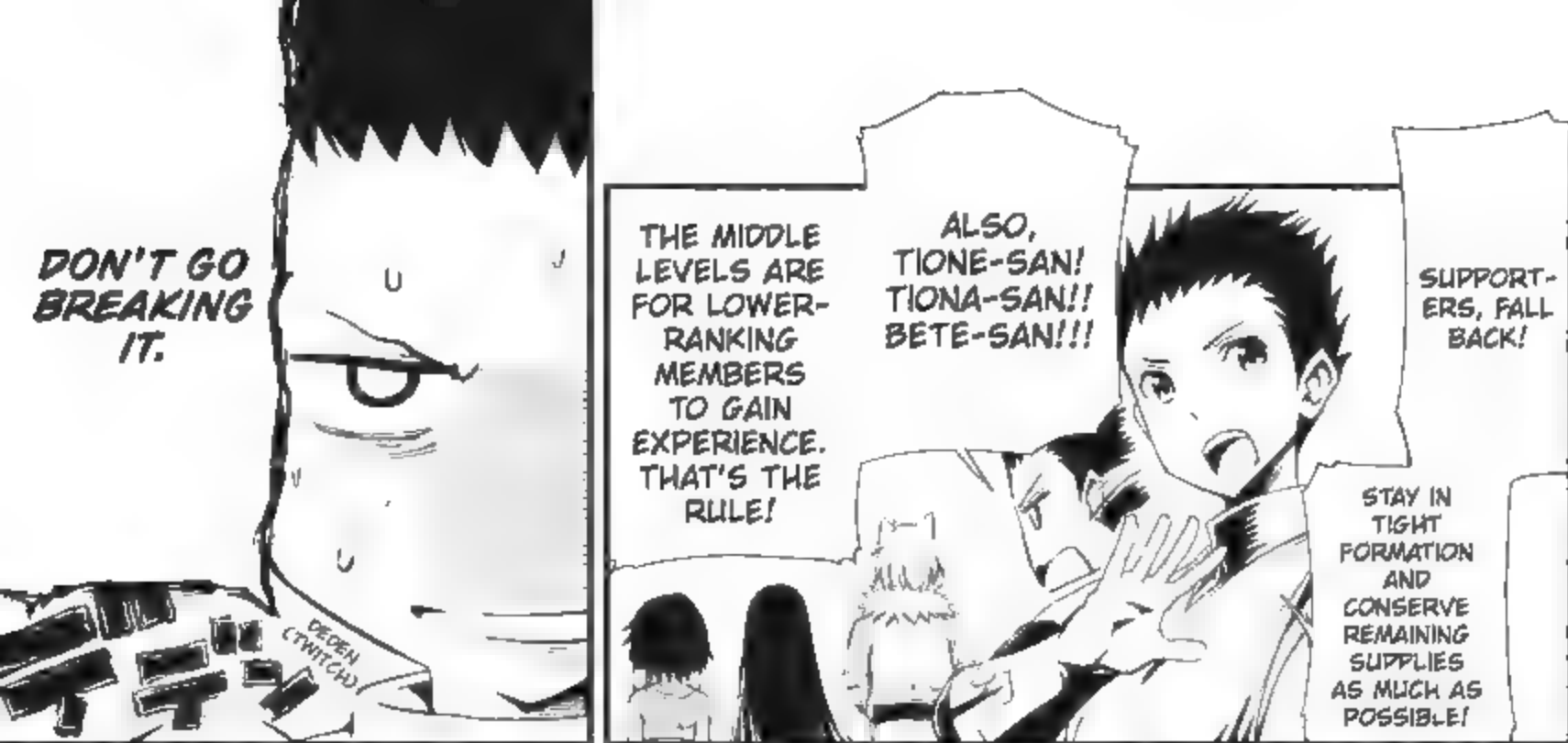
RAUL, ORDERS  
FROM FINN.  
YOU'LL TAKE  
COMMAND  
DURING THIS  
BATTLE FOR  
EXPERIENCE.

YES,  
THAT'S  
FINE.

RIVERIA,  
THERE'S  
QUITE A  
FEW SO  
CAN WE  
JOIN IN?



BUMOOOOOOO  
(HROOOOOO)





THERE'S NO  
TELLING WHAT  
PANICKING  
MONSTERS  
WILL DO!!

AFTER  
THEM, ALL  
OF YOU!



O-O!!?

YOU  
CALL  
YOUR-  
SELVES  
MON-  
STERS!?

WHAAT!?  
NO WAY!  
THEY'RE  
RUNNING!?



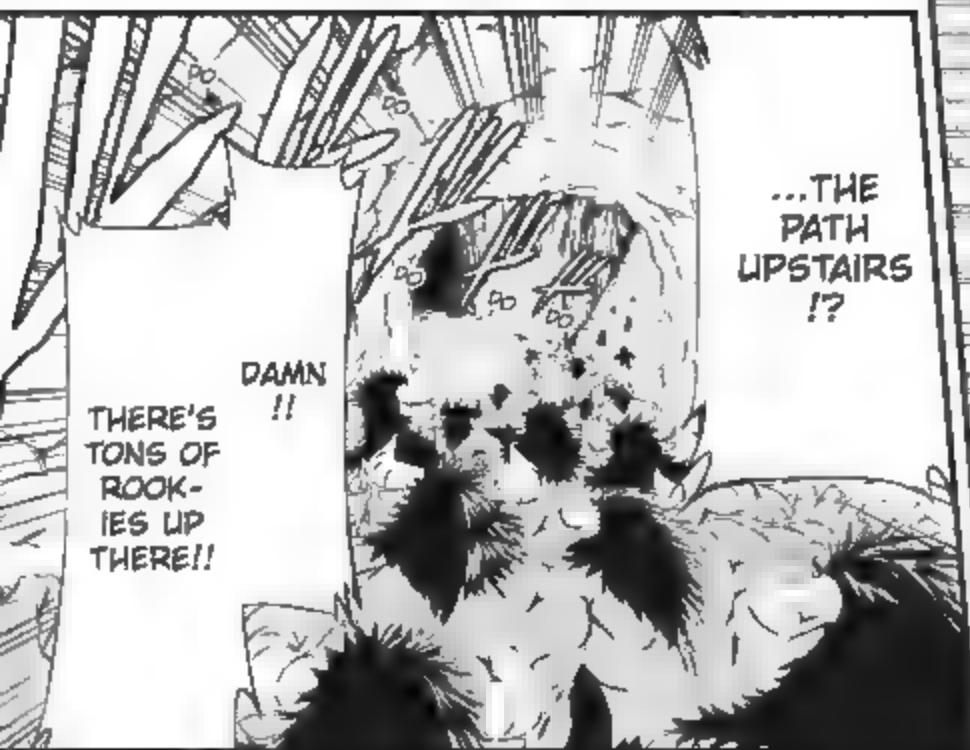
JUST  
WHACK  
'EM  
REALLY  
HARD  
WITH  
THAT  
STICK!  
GOT  
IT!?

UM,  
I'M NOT  
GOOD AT  
HAND-  
TO-HAND  
COMBAT...

DA  
(CRASH)

!!





...THE  
PATH  
UPSTAIRS  
!?

DAMN  
!!

THERE'S  
TONS OF  
ROCK-  
IES UP  
THERE!!



LEAVE  
FLOOR  
SEVENTEEN  
TO ME!!

GO GET  
THE  
REST!!



THERE  
ARE  
OTHER  
ADVEN-  
TURERS IN  
HERE...!

IF ANY OF  
THEM RUN  
INTO A  
HORDE OF  
STAMPEDING  
MINOTAUR...

...MOST  
WON'T  
STAND A  
CHANCE!!

WAIT,  
ISN'T  
THAT...



DON'T  
ALLOW A  
SINGLE  
ONE TO  
ESCAPE!!

WIPE  
THEM  
OUT!!!

SOMEONE  
REMAIN  
BEHIND  
ON EACH  
FLOOR!

MORE ARE  
CHARGING  
TO THE  
SURFACE!!

THEY  
AREN'T  
STOPPING!!



OUTTA  
THE  
WAY!!

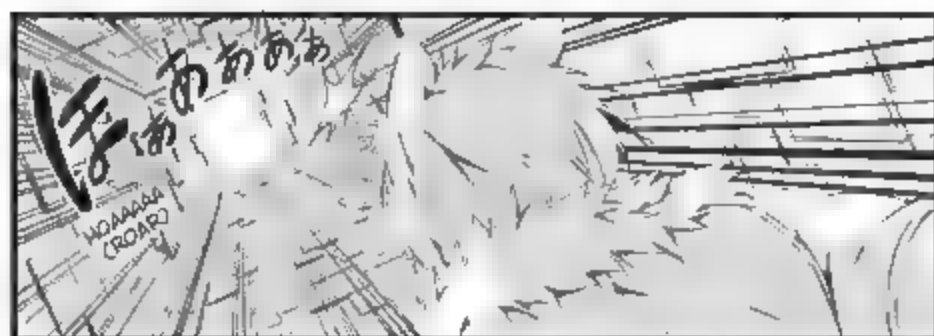
GAH!

BO  
(GRRR)



OVER  
HERE,  
AIZ!!

I CAN  
SMELL  
IT!



ほああああ  
WAAAAA  
(ROAR)



WHERE'S  
THE LAST  
ONE...!?

DUN-  
GEON  
FLOOR  
FIVE...!



GOGA  
(STOMP)



TCH!! A  
NEWBIE!?





ARE  
YOU.....



PI  
(FLICK)



HUH...?



OKAY?












ENTRANCE TO  
THE DUNGEON  
AND TOWER  
FACILITY,  
BABEL.

IT  
SERVES  
AS A  
GIGANTIC  
CHALKY  
WHITE  
"LID"...


...TO  
THE ONLY  
DUNGEON IN  
THE WORLD,  
BIRTHPLACE  
OF MON-  
STERS.



THANK  
GOOD-  
NESS WE  
DIDN'T  
LOSE  
ANYONE  
...


FIRST  
FRESH  
AIR IN  
TWO  
WEEKS!!

A  
H  
H  
H  
!!



LIKEWISE, THE LID  
THAT STARTED AS  
NOTHING BUT A  
FORTRESS KEPT  
CHANGING...

...AND  
BEFORE LONG,  
BECAME A  
LANDMARK IN  
A LARGE CITY  
WHERE  
ADVEN-  
TURERS  
GATHERED.



OVER  
TIME, THE  
PURPOSE OF  
THESE BATTLES  
CHANGED FROM  
DEFENSE TO  
EXPLORING THE  
UNKNOWN—  
AND ADVENTURE.

LONG AGO,  
COUNTLESS HUMANS  
AND DEMI-HUMANS  
CAME TOGETHER  
AT THIS PLACE TO  
PREVENT MONSTERS  
FROM ENCROACHING  
ON THE SURFACE.



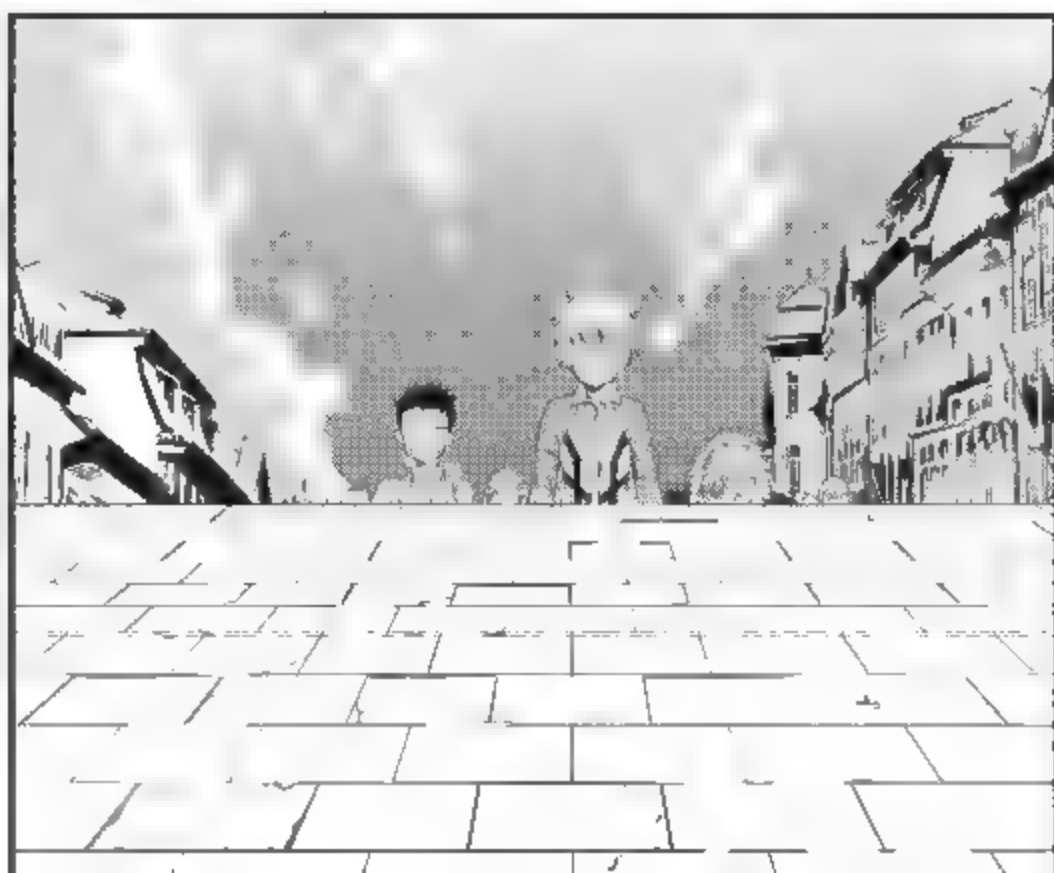


**THIS  
IS THE  
LABYRINTH  
CITY,  
ORARIO.**

**A  
METROPOLIS  
OF THE  
UNKNOWN AND  
ADVENTURE.**



**FINALLY,  
WE'RE  
HOME...!**





LOKI FAMILIA'S HOME  
TWILIGHT MANOR

AHH, SO  
TIRED...  
FORGET  
STEAK, I'LL  
HAVE THE  
ENTIRE COW!

I'D LIKE  
A SHOWER  
FIRST.

AH  
HA  
HA  
...





THANK  
YOU,  
LOKI.



WELCOME  
HOME,  
FINN.



A  
DEUSDEA,  
IN THE  
FLESH.

SHE'S  
COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT  
FROM PEOPLE  
OR MONSTERS.

SEEING  
ALL MY  
CHILDREN  
SAFE AND  
SOUND...

...JUST  
MAKES ME  
SO HAPPY.



LOKI IS  
ONE OF THE  
DEITIES WHO  
DESCENDED  
FROM THE  
HEAVENS.

SHE  
CREATED  
LOKI  
FAMILIA.

...WOULD  
YOU LET  
GO OF  
LEFIYA?  
YOU'RE  
GIVING  
HER A  
HEART  
ATTACK.

LOKI  
...

PA  
(DROP)

OOPSY  
...  
SORRY  
'BOUT  
THAT,  
LEFIYA.

IT'S...  
OKAY..





A GOD-  
DESS  
BUT A  
GEE-  
ZER...

LIKE  
AN OLD  
MAN...

AN OLD  
MAN...

N-NOT  
IN THE  
SLIGHT-  
EST!!

NIFU  
(GRIND)

OH, AND  
BY THE  
WAY...  
GEH  
HEH  
HEH...

...YOUR  
BOOBS  
GET A LI'L  
BIGGER?



SO  
NOISY...  
BUT FOR  
SOME  
REASON  
IT'S  
CALMING.



AND  
KEEP  
YOUR  
DIS-  
TANCE,  
IT'S  
TOO  
HOT.

BE  
QUIET,  
WOULD  
YOU?

SAY IT  
AIN'T  
SO!?

DON'T  
TELL  
ME YOU  
TWO DID  
SOME-  
THIN'!?



SHISSHI  
(SHOO)

THAT'S  
FINN'S  
WAIST  
CLOTH!?

HOLD ON  
A SECOND  
THERE,  
TIONE!  
AROUND  
YOUR  
CHEST...



...COME  
HOME...

WE'VE...



GOTTA TAKE CARE OF YER-SELF, YA KNOW?



IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME, LOKI...

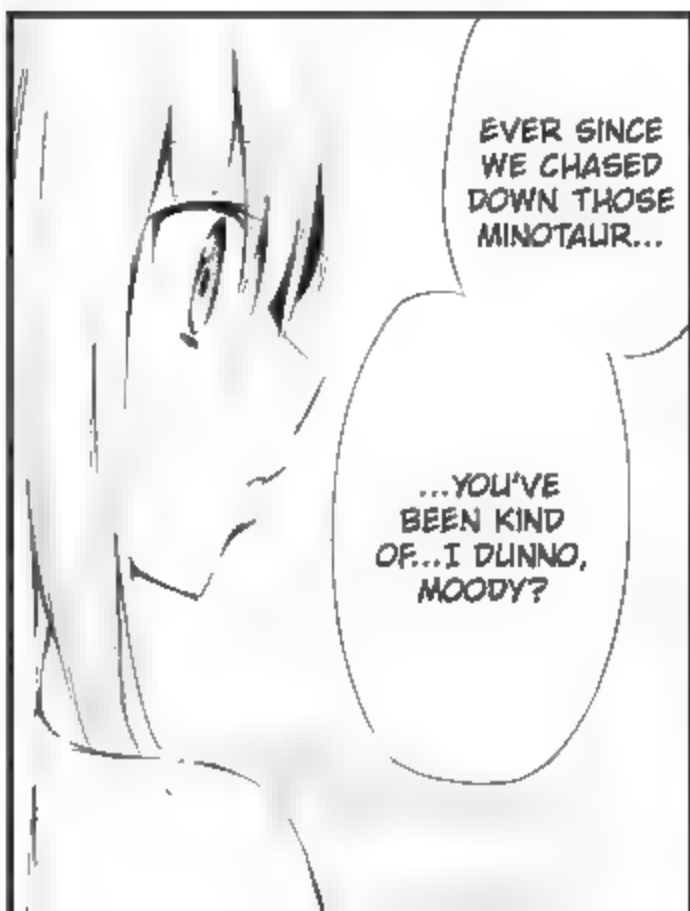
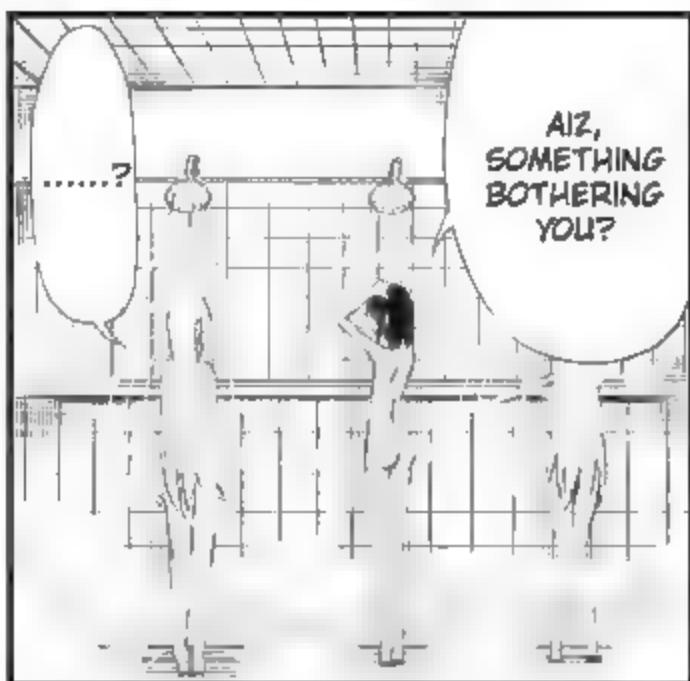


SHE'S A QUIRKY GODDESS...

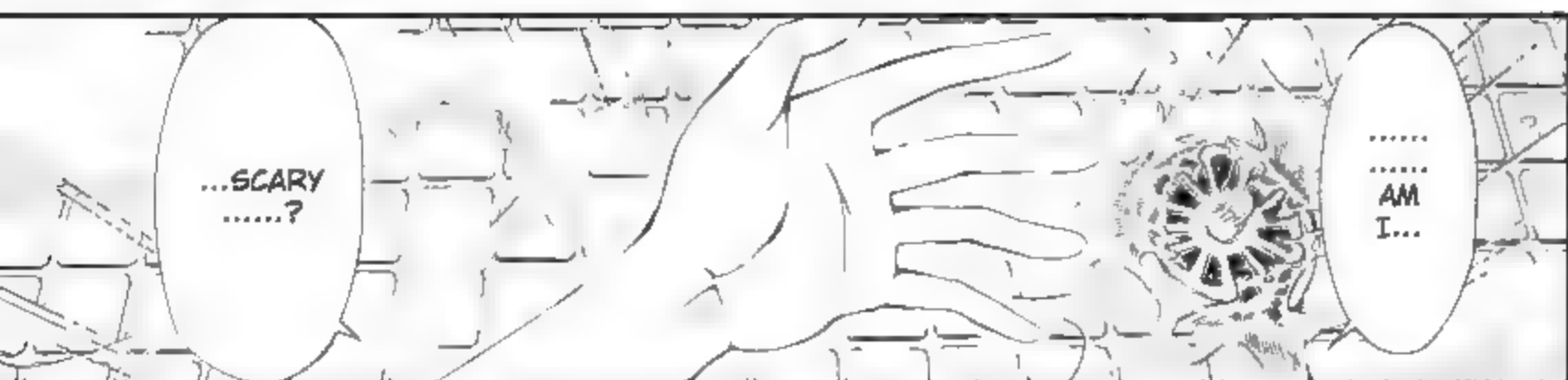
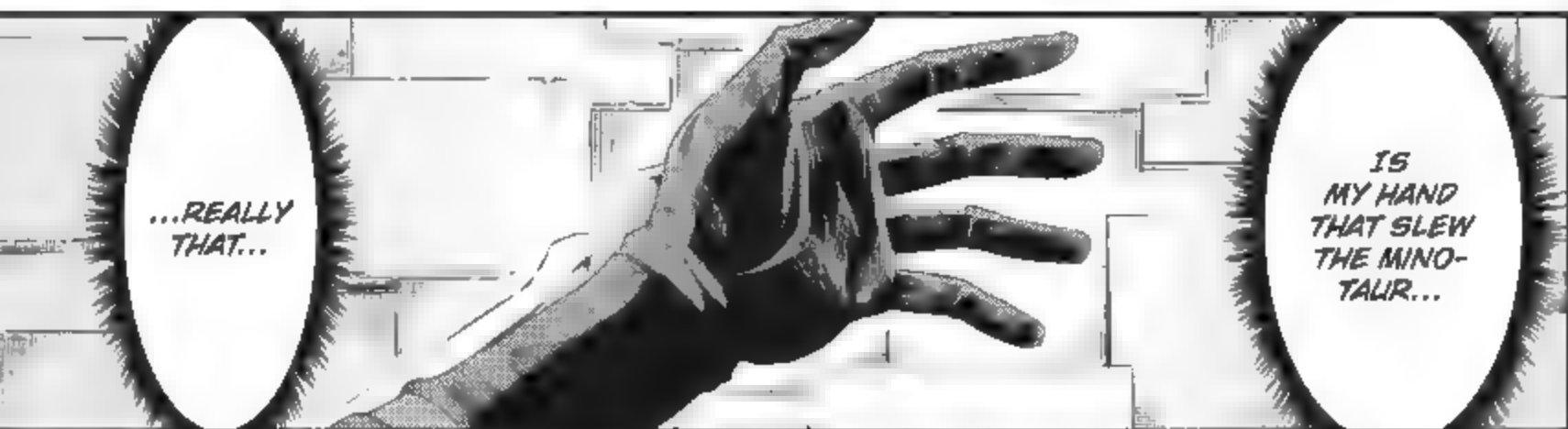


KURU (SPIN)











THE BEST  
THING TO  
DO IS NOT  
WORRY  
ABOUT IT.

CHAPU  
(PLUNK)

4  
7  
30



...BUT I  
UNDERSTAND  
IF YOU'RE  
FEELING A BIT  
DISTANT.

...SO IN A  
WAY, WE'RE  
SCARIER  
THAN THOSE  
MINOTAUR...

IT'S TRUE  
THAT EVERYONE  
TREATS US  
DIFFERENTLY  
BECAUSE WE'RE  
TOP-CLASS...

HMM  
...



EVEN IF  
THAT MEANS  
BEING  
ALONE.

I WANT  
TO BE  
STRONG.



I  
GUESS

...YOU'RE  
RIGHT.



CAN'T BE  
HELPED...  
LET IT GO...

STRENGTH  
IS SCARY...

...I  
KNOW  
THAT.









**SO I  
WON'T  
TAKE  
THAT  
HAND  
...!!**



**IDOL...  
EVERY-  
ONE  
THINKS  
THAT...?**



**BE-  
CAUSE  
I LOOK  
UP TO  
YOU!**

**BE-  
CAUSE  
SOME-  
DAY  
...  
...I WISH  
TO BE  
STRONG  
ENOUGH  
TO FIGHT  
NEXT TO  
YOU IN THE  
DUNGEON.**



**BUT...THERE  
ARE OTHER  
ADVENTURERS  
WHO...ARE  
AFRAID OF ME.**

**BUT...  
I'M/  
SURE  
THAT  
BOY...**



IF THEY  
SPEND  
JUST A  
LITTLE TIME  
WITH YOU,  
THEY'LL  
STOP BEING  
SCARED OF  
YOU IN NO  
TIME.



IF THEY  
RUN,  
KEEP  
TRYING  
AS MANY  
TIMES  
AS IT  
TAKES!!

SAY  
HELLO  
NEXT  
TIME  
YOU SEE  
THEM!

.....  
WHAT IF...  
THEY RUN  
AWAY?



...ALL  
YOU  
NEED  
TO DO  
IS TALK  
TO  
THEM.

IGNORING  
THE ONES  
IN HOSTILE  
FAMILIAS  
...

WITH  
PEOPLE  
LIKE  
THAT...



...  
EVERYONE  
IN LOKI  
FAMILIA  
LOVES YOU,  
AIZ!

'CAUSE  
YOU  
KNOW...





THANK  
YOU.



T-  
TIONA-  
SAN...!?

OF  
COURSE,  
I LIKE  
YOU THE  
MOST—

I-I  
TOO  
...

BUKU  
(BUBBLE)

JYABA  
(FWISH)

BUKU



SAY  
HELLO...  
AS MANY  
TIMES  
AS IT  
TAKES...



TIONE...  
LEFIYA...



L-  
LEFIYA,  
YOU  
TRAI-  
TOR  
—!!



PETA  
(PATO)



!!?

GYO  
(STARE)

POYON  
(JIGGLE)



I HAVE DONE  
NOTHING  
TO DESERVE  
GRATITUDE...!!

DOKKIN  
(CRASH)

ZABAA  
(SLIP)



I'LL  
MESSAGE  
'EM TIL  
THEY'RE  
NICE 'N'  
PLUMP!

DON'T YA  
WORRY  
'BOUT A  
THING,  
TIONA—!!



NO,  
LEFIYA!!  
I KNEW  
THEY GOT  
BIGGER—!!

THIS  
SIZE...IS  
IT AIZI?

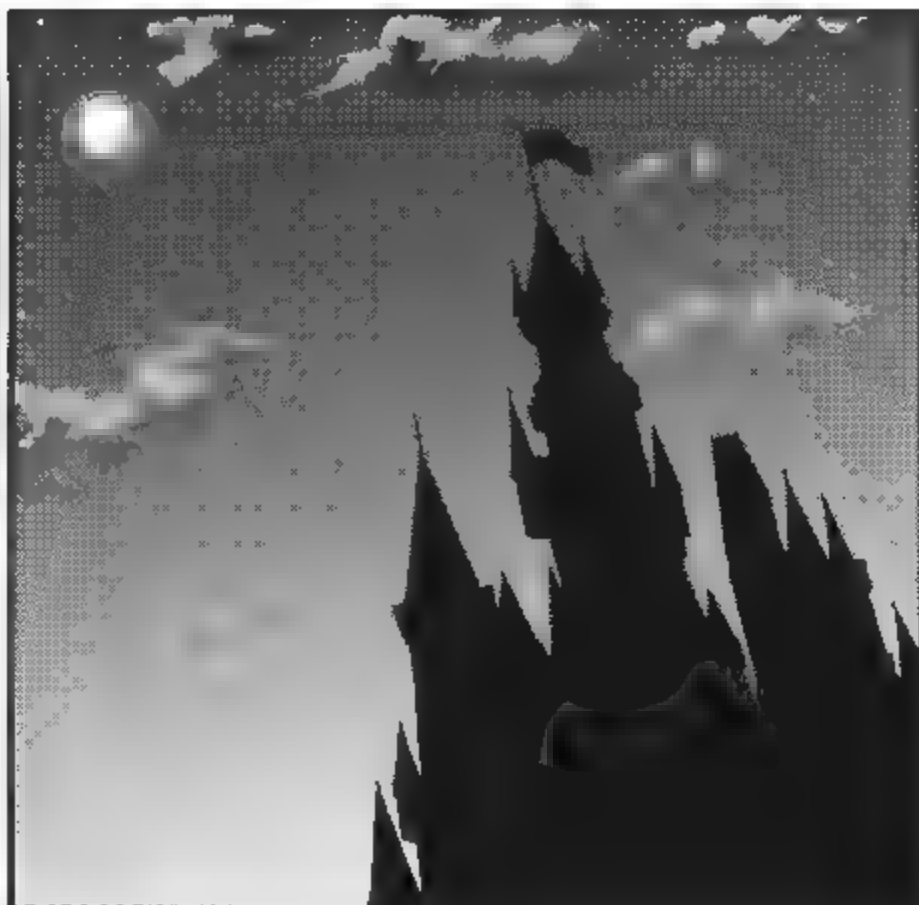
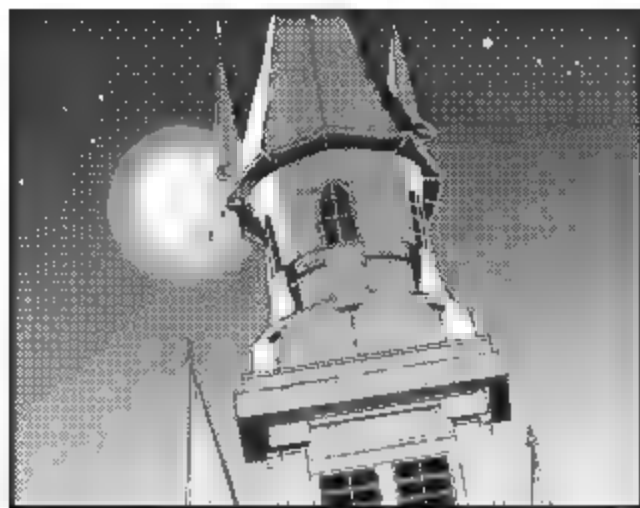
I  
WON'T  
HELP  
YOU.  
YOU  
CAN DO  
IT ON  
YOUR  
OWN,  
LEFIYA!

ME  
TOO,  
SOME-  
DAY...

LOKI  
REALLY  
DOES  
JUST POP  
UP ANY-  
WHERE...









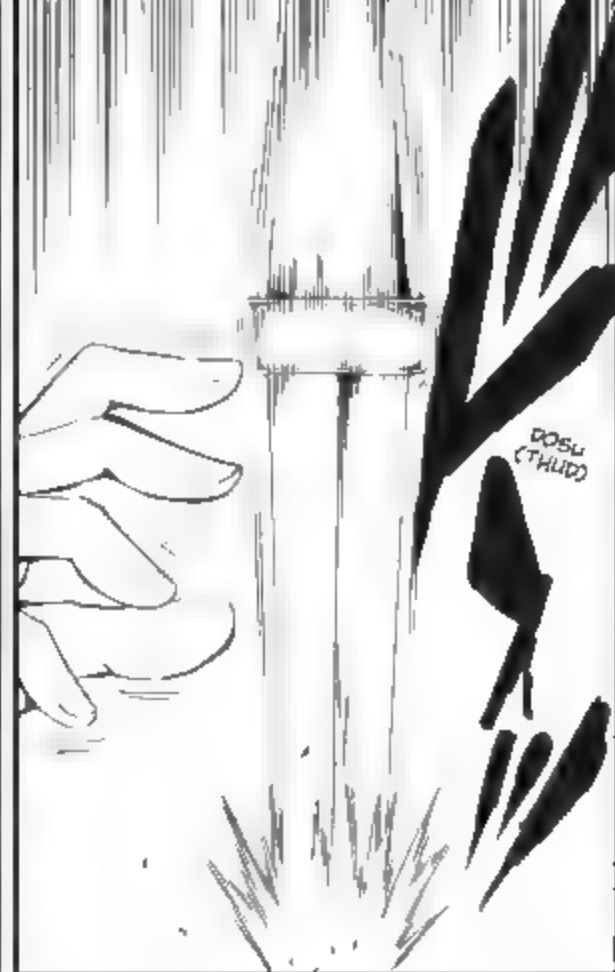


PLEASE  
USE  
THE  
KNIFE.

AH...

TOTALLY  
SOBER, NO  
PROBLEM.

AH...  
SURE.  
ALREADY  
DID.

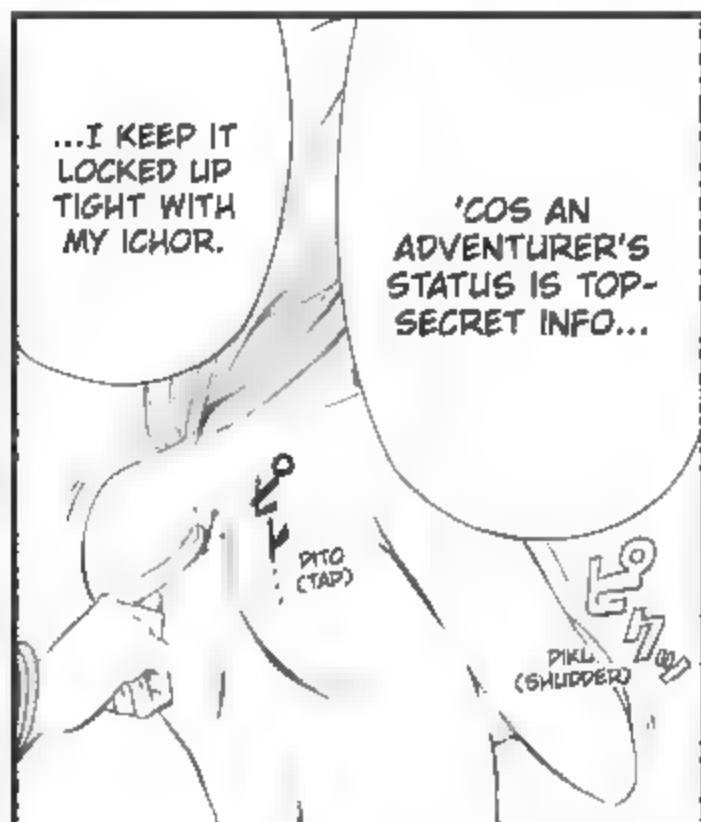


DOSH  
(THUD)



THERE IT IS.  
THE FALNA  
I GAVE YA,  
AIZ-TAN. MY  
BLESSING.

YER  
STATUS.



...I KEEP IT  
LOCKED UP  
TIGHT WITH  
MY ICHOR.

'COS AN  
ADVENTURER'S  
STATUS IS TOP-  
SECRET INFO...

PIKO  
(TAP)

PIKL  
(SHUDDERS)



TSU  
(SWIPE)

THERE  
ARE SOME  
OF US  
WITHOUT A  
CLUE HOW  
TO LOCK  
THINGS,  
THOUGH...



BAM  
—!

IPAKU  
(SWIPE)



...CAME  
DOWN  
TO THIS  
WORLD  
WITH A  
BANG.

THOSE OF  
US WHO  
GOT BORED  
LIVIN' IN  
THE  
HEAVENS...

YURAA  
(CRIPPLE)



POCHA  
(CRIPPLE)

...BUT  
LONG AGO,  
'BOUT A  
THOUSAND  
YEARS IF I  
REMEMBER  
RIGHT...



I'M  
SURE YA  
ALREADY  
KNOW,  
AIZ-  
TAN...

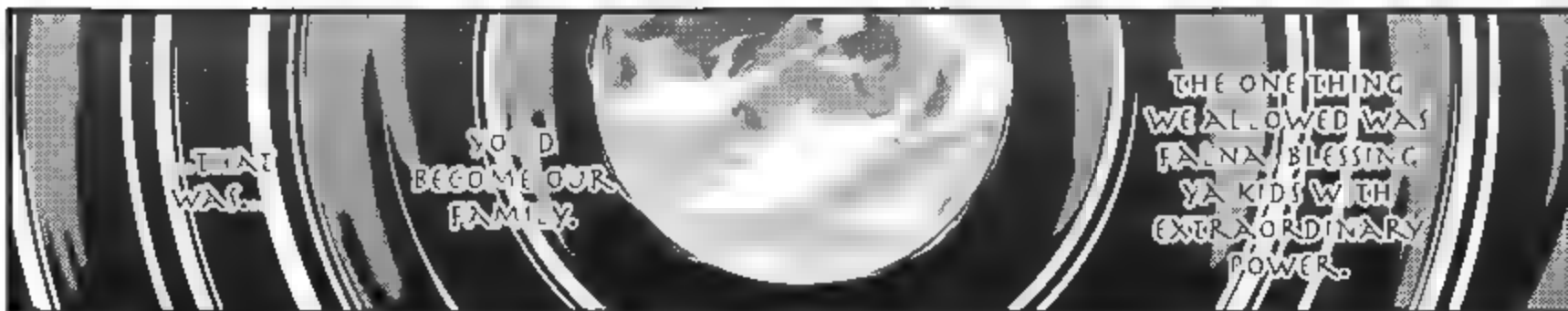
TSU  
(CRIP)



MAKIN' US  
WEAKER THAN  
THE MORTALS  
THEMSELVES.

TO SEAL  
OUR ALL  
POWERFUL,  
ALL-  
KNOWING  
ARCANUM  
POWER.

WE ALL  
DECIDED TO  
FOLLOW A  
RULE TO MAKE  
LIVIN' IN THIS  
WORLD MORE  
INTERESTIN'.



THAT  
WAS...

YOU'D  
BECOME OUR  
FAMILY.

THE ONE THING  
WE ALLOWED WAS  
FAUNA/BLESSING  
YA KIDS WITH  
EXTRAORDINARY  
POWER.



...THE  
BIRTH OF  
FAMILIAS.

DON  
(BOOM)





CHANGE  
IT INTO HIERO-  
GLYPHS AND  
ENGRAVE 'EM  
INTO YOUR  
BACKS.

KYLII  
KYLII  
(SWIPE)

WE THEN  
EXTRACT  
EVERY  
EXPERIENCE,  
ALL THE  
EXCELIA OUR  
FOLLOWERS  
HAVE  
GATHERED.



THAT  
IS  
STATUS  
!!!

GOU  
(RUMBLE)



YA  
GAIN  
EXTRA-  
ORDINARY  
PHYSICAL  
PROWESS  
...

NNK  
...!

...  
MAGIC,  
AND  
EVEN  
MIRA-  
CLES.



THE  
PATH TO  
LIMITLESS  
POSSIBIL-  
ITIES!!

GODS  
OPENED  
THE PATH  
FOR  
HUMANS  
TO  
BECOME  
DEITIES!!



SFX: GYU! (WHIRR) GYU!, CHIKA (FLICK) CHIKA





**.....NOT  
NEARLY  
ENOUGH!**



**...  
WHAT'S  
WITH  
THAT  
FACE?**



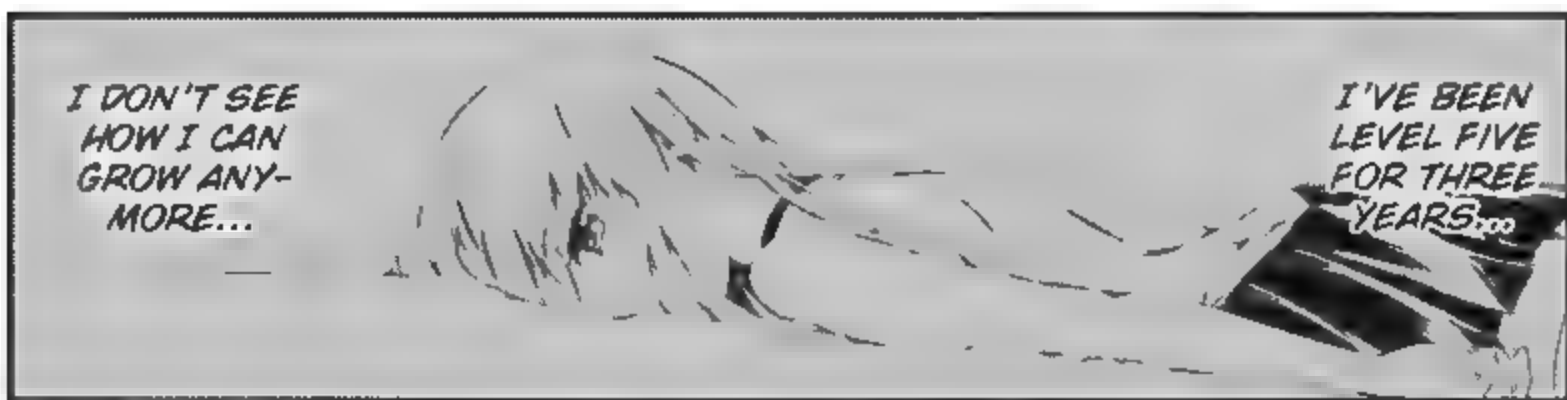
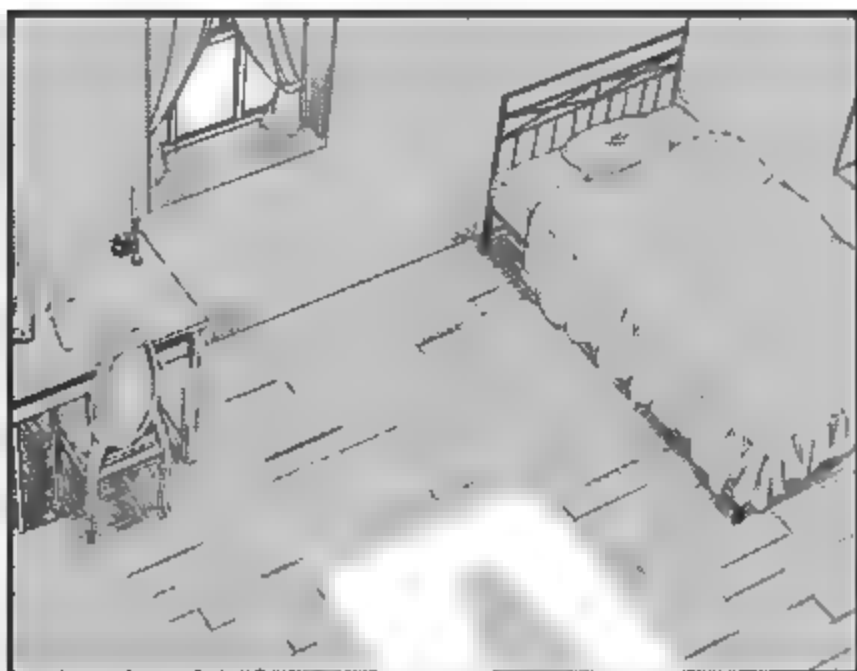
**AND  
THAT  
MEANS...**

**...BUT MY  
ABILITIES  
BARELY  
WENT  
UP...!**

**I DE-  
FEATED  
SO MANY  
ENEMIES  
ON THE  
EXPEDI-  
TION...**



**...I'VE...  
REACHED...  
MY LIMIT.**





...IS TO  
RANK  
UP...TO  
ACHIEVE  
A HIGHER  
LEVEL...

WHAT I  
NEED...

...TO GO  
BEYOND  
MY LIMITS  
AND  
SURPASS  
MYSELF!!

HAVEN'T I TOLD  
YA BEFORE? AND  
I'LL KEEP TELLIN'  
YA TOO.

THOSE WHO PUSH  
WHILE RUNNIN'  
FULL-TILT WILL  
ALWAYS TRIP.

AIZ.

...SORRY  
LOKI. I  
STILL  
WANT...

SO DON'T GO  
FORGETTIN'.



I CAN SEE  
MY YOUNGER  
SELF IN HIM.  
DOES THAT  
ADVENTURER  
ALSO...

LIKE A  
WHITE  
RABBIT.

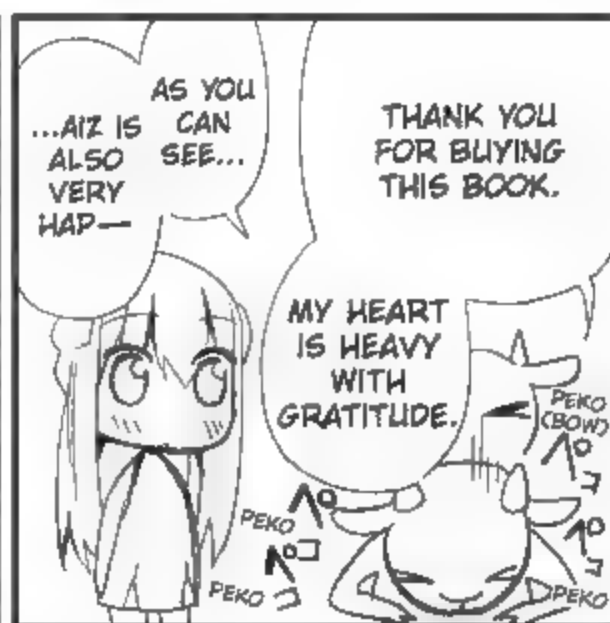
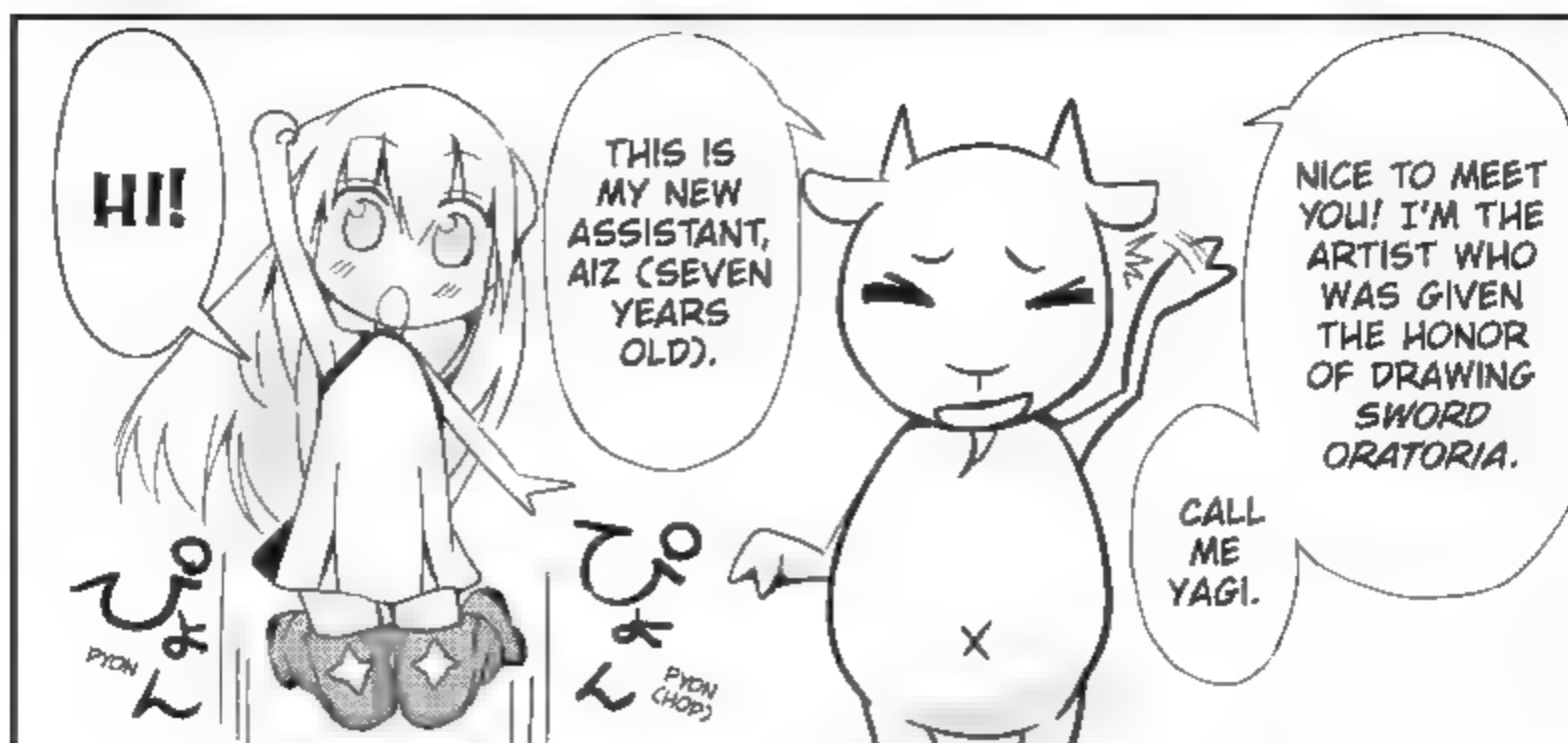
WHITE  
HAIR AND  
RUBELLITE  
EYES...



...CARRY THE  
SAME HOPES...?

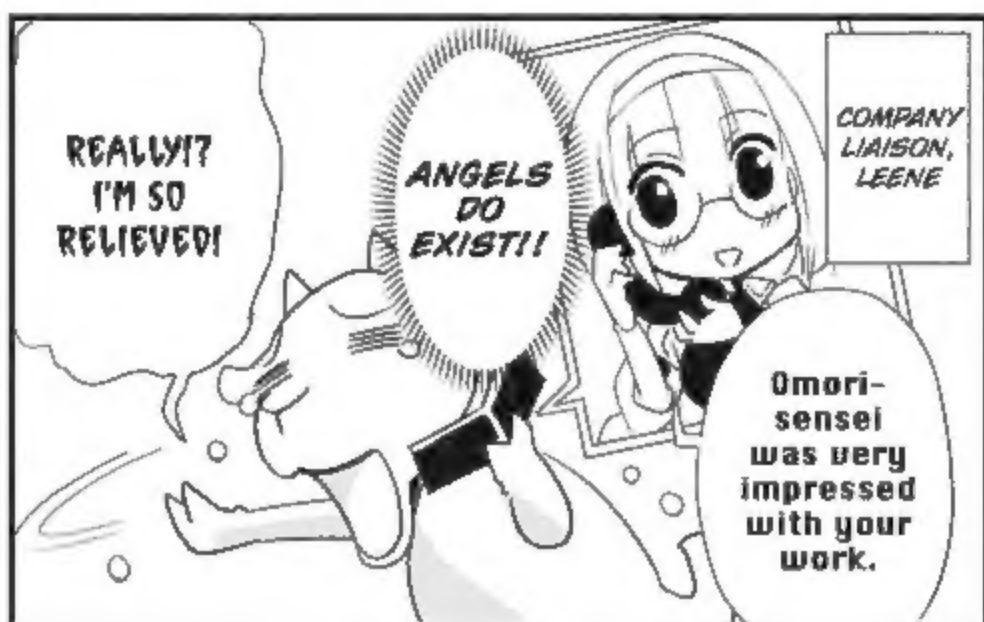


# AFTERWORD



SFX: HAGU (MUNCH) HAGU HAGU





# TRANSLATION NOTES

## Common Honorifics

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-*san*: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-*shi*: Not unlike -*san*; the equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss but conveying a more official or bureaucratic mood

-*sama*: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-*kun*: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-*chan*: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

## PAGE 8

Kenki: "Sword princess." The nickname Aiz Wallenstein's feats have earned her.

## PAGE 224

Yagi: *Yagi* means goat, so the artist of *Sword Oratoria*, Takahashi Yagi, has rendered himself as a goat in the afterword, even though his name is spelled with different characters.

## PAGE 224

Jyaga maru kun: Fried potato puffs sold at a popular stall from the *Is it Wrong to Try to Pick Up Girls in a Dungeon* original series.



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